

## MSCP Master of Science in Clinical Psychology • College of Social Sciences

### About the Program

#### Overview

The Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (MSCP) program trains students to perform clinical assessments and conduct treatment with adults, adolescents, children, couples and families. Through a combination of classroom and practicum-based learning, the program prepares students to apply for the limited license in clinical psychology from the state of Michigan, upon graduation.

In line with the **mission of Madonna University**, the program embodies the Judeo-Christian emphasis on respect for the individual and trains students to view people as complicated, multi-faceted individuals endowed with physical, spiritual, cognitive and emotional dimensions. The program emphasizes respect for human diversity, ethical decision-making skills, and attention to underserved populations. While students become familiar with a variety of perspectives, the central theoretical approach of the program is psychoanalytic. By studying contemporary psychoanalytic theory, students develop an appreciation for the unique and idiosyncratic elements that contribute to an individual's difficulties, and learn to develop interventions accordingly.

#### Special Program Features

- Practicum experience fully integrated into the curriculum
- Contemporary psychoanalytic approach
- Experienced practitioners as faculty
- Guidance in professional development
- Small class size
- Full- or part-time study

### MSCP Degree Requirements\*\*

#### Knowledge Base (15 s.h.)

- PSY 5100: Intro to Clinical Theory I: Psychoanalytic (3 s.h.)
- PSY 5110: Intro to Clinical Theory II: Non-Psychoanalytic (3 s.h.)
- PSY 5500: Psychopathology in Adults (3 s.h.)
- PSY 5550: Child Psychopathology (3 s.h.)
- PSY 6100: Biological Bases of Behavior (3 s.h.)

#### Research Foundation (4 s.h.)

- PSY 6300: Statistics & Research Design (4 s.h.)

#### Clinical Skills (22 s.h.)

- PSY 5300: Psychological Assessment I (4 s.h.)
- PSY 5310: Psychological Assessment II (4 s.h.)
- PSY 5320: Psychological Assessment III (4 s.h.)
- PSY 5700: Intro Psychotherapeutic Intervention (2 s.h.)
- PSY 5750: Psychotherapeutic Interventions with Children and Families (2 s.h.)
- PSY 5800: Ethics & Professional Practice (3 s.h.)
- PSY 6450: Advanced Clinical Methods (3 s.h.)

#### Field Experience (9 s.h.)

- PSY 5930: Clinical Psych Practicum I (3 s.h.)
- PSY 6930: Clinical Psych Practicum II (3 s.h.)
- PSY 6940: Clinical Psych Practicum III (3 s.h.)

#### **TOTAL 50 semester hours**

\*\*Program overview and full- and part-time plans of study are available on the program's web pages

### Thesis Option (4 s.h.)

MSCP students who plan to pursue doctoral studies may complete a research-based masters thesis under the supervision of a faculty advisor.



## For Admissions Information

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educational opportunity without discrimination  
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## Full-Time Faculty

Robert P. Cohen, Ph.D., L.P.  
Associate Professor  
Director of Clinical Training  
and Supervision  
Jane Alexandra Kessler, M.A., L.L.P.  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Graduate Program in  
Clinical Psychology & Psychological  
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James O'Neill, Ph.D.  
Professor

## Adjunct Faculty

Howard Erman, Ph.D., L.P.  
Susan Hildebrandt, LMSW, ACSW  
Janet Reed, Ph.D., L.P.  
Michael Shulman, Ph.D., L.P.  
Patricia Watson, Ph.D., L.P.  
Norma Wolford, M.S., L.L.P.

## Application Pre-Requisites

Bachelor's degree from an accredited  
institution, with an overall  
undergraduate grade point average of  
*at least* 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Evidence of successful completion of  
at least 15 undergraduate semester  
hours in psychology, including  
abnormal, research methods,  
physiological, and life-span  
developmental. (May be *partially*  
waived by Program Director.)

Evidence of aptitude for work in the  
clinical field, such as successful  
employment, field placement or  
volunteer experience with distressed  
individuals.

Evidence of a capacity for self-  
reflection, emotional maturity, and  
sophisticated and complex assessments  
of people.

## Important Dates

**February 1: Application review  
begins\*\***

**April 15: Notification of Admission  
Decision**

\*\*Applications will be accepted after  
Feb. 1 if space remains in the entering  
class. New students begin only in the  
fall semester.

NOTE: For those with an overall GPA  
above 3.4, a decision will be made by  
Dec. 31 if a completed application is  
submitted by Oct. 31.

## Application Process

To apply, obtain an MSCP packet from  
the Graduate School Office and submit  
the following to that office:

Completed "Application for  
Admission to the Graduate Program"  
form and application fee.

Recommendation forms completed by  
two current professors, employers or  
professionals familiar with the  
applicant's work or academic  
performance. Personal  
recommendations are not  
accepted. (MU students or alumni may  
not request recommendations from  
PSY faculty, full-time or adjunct.)

Personal statement (specific MSCP  
requirements available from the  
Graduate School Office).

Official transcripts sent directly to the  
Graduate School Office from *every*  
undergraduate and graduate  
institution attended.

Criminal History form.

Applicants are strongly encouraged  
to read the MSCP's section in the  
Graduate Bulletin. A copy of the  
Bulletin can be downloaded from the  
University's website or obtained from  
the Graduate School Office.

## Admissions Process

After all materials are received, the  
file is sent to the Psychology  
Department for review. Be advised that  
the department will not receive the file  
until *all* required materials are  
submitted.

After reviewing the completed file, the  
department then invites qualified  
applicants to campus for an  
admissions interview.

At the time of the interview,  
applicants bring a copy of a research  
paper for review by the interviewer  
and also complete an extemporaneous  
writing sample on an issue related to  
psychology.

The Dean of the Graduate School sends  
a letter regarding the admissions  
decision, usually about two weeks  
after the interview.