



# Rivier UNIVERSITY

## Psy.D.

Doctor of Psychology  
in Counseling and  
School Psychology

### Become a counselor or school psychologist

Help to save lives and build futures.

Employ client-centered therapies to affect positive cognitive behaviors.

*"How can I help you?"* This is a familiar phrase for psychologists trained to treat the mental health and emotional issues that impact the lives of children and adults. According to National Institute of Mental Health, nearly 20% of adults in the U.S. suffer from a mental illness each year, and for adolescents the percentage rises to 50%. Only half of those affected receive treatment.

#### Program Overview

The Doctor of Counseling and School Psychology program leads to licensure by the New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice and is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Education. The Program intentionally integrates the two traditional practice areas of counseling and school psychology. This approach to doctoral training prepares health service psychologists to work in a variety of professional settings—agency, community, education, independent practice, and public service—as psychologists.

Advanced Standing students, those entering the program with a master's degree and meeting established criteria, can complete the degree in four years, including the final internship year. Traditional students, those entering the program with a bachelor's degree, can complete the degree in six years, including the 2,000-hour internship in the final year of the program.



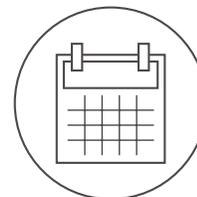
#### Course Format

On campus,  
nights & weekends



#### Total Program Credits

60\*



#### Estimated Program Length

4 - 6 years

*\* Program requires 60 credits of prerequisite/  
foundation graduate courses; traditional students  
must complete 120 credits.*

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## Program Outcomes

The Doctor of Psychology program at Rivier University endeavors:

- to graduate professional psychologists competent as reflective practitioner-scholars;
- to graduate psychologists who are knowledgeable about and clinically competent in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, treatment and supervision and consultation;
- to graduate psychologists competent in the conduct, comprehension, and application of research to professional practice; and
- to graduate students with a strong commitment to the ethical practice of psychology and their identity as psychologists.

## Course Sequence

### Advanced Standing Students

The course sequence for students with advanced standing begins in Year Three with 800-level doctoral courses, followed by practicums, and clinical internships. To be eligible to apply for Advanced Standing, you must 1) possess a master's, specialist, C.A.G.S., or Ed.S. degree, or the equivalent, in Psychology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or School Psychology from a regionally accredited institution, and 2) provide evidence of preparation at the graduate-level equivalent to that provided by at least 36 credits from select introductory courses offered in the Psy.D. program.

### Traditional Students

Traditional students enter the program after completing their bachelor's degree. Their six-year course sequence, including the 2,000-hour internship, is outlined below.

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Entry point for Traditional Students ▶ Year 1	ED 501 Fundamentals of Research ED 505 Advanced Psychology of Human Development ED 610 Basic Human Interaction	ED 614 Clinical Counseling Theories ED 624 Psychopathology ED 615 Clinical Counseling Techniques ED 792 Beginning Practicum	ED 611 Child Psychotherapy ED 538 Cognitive Assessment ED 629 Addictive Behaviors
Year 2	ED 625 Testing and Assessment ED 530 Assessment of LD and Reading ED 681 Career and Lifestyle Development ED 793 Beginning Practicum II	ED 618 Professional Orientation and Ethics in Clinical MH Counseling ED 623 Marriage and Family Therapy ED 720 Social/Cultural Foundations of Counseling and Education ED 794 Beginning Practicum III	ED 704 Personality Assessment I ED 705 Neuropsychological Assessment I ED 721 Advanced Multicultural Perspectives ED 616 Group Counseling
Entry point for Advanced Standing Students ▶ Year 3	ED 802 Biological Basis of Behavior ED 864 Research Methods ED 816 Evidence-Based Treatment: Adults	ED 881 Quantitative Analysis ED 803 Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behavior ED 810 Cognitive Assessment II ED 840 Practicum I	ED 801A01 History & Systems ED 812 Personality Assessment II ED 821 Health Service Psychology: Ethics and Standards ED 892 Directed Research in Psychology
Year 4	ED ____ Elective ED 804H2 Social Bases of Behavior ED 820 Developmental Psychology ED 841 Practicum II ED 896 Research in Psychology	ED ____ Elective ED 806 Psychopathology and Interventions ED 842 Practicum III ED 889 Comprehensive Written Exam	ED ____ Elective ED 838H1 Internship and Professional Development ED 891 Comprehensive Oral Exam
Year 5	ED 825 Aging ED 809H2 Psychometrics	ED ____ Elective ED 833A Supervision, Consultation & Systems	
Year 6	ED 886 Clinical Internship	ED 887 Clinical Internship	

NOTE: The University reserves the right to make curricular changes as necessary. Please refer to the academic catalog on the University website for the most up-to-date information.

## Faculty with Real-World Experience



### Cheryl Maykel

Assistant Professor, Rivier University

Dr. Cheryl Maykel is a nationally certified school psychologist with state certification in school psychology in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Her current research interests are in the areas of mind-body health, childhood obesity and physical activity, and classroom disruptive behavior. Widely published, articles on her research appear in the *Journal of Applied School Psychology*, the *International Journal of School & Educational Psychology*, and the *Journal of Yoga and Physical Therapy*, among many others.

## Completion Requirements

- Satisfactory completion of all foundation, elective, and doctoral core courses, and practica
- Successful completion of a 2,000 hour clinical internship (one year full-time or two years part-time)
- Successful completion of both an oral and written comprehensive exam
- Mentor with an advisor and research committee to conduct research related to your area of interest and defend and complete a doctoral research project, within seven years of beginning the program
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Satisfaction of all Rivier University financial obligations



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## Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc. (NECHE). The Doctor of Psychology in Counseling and School Psychology program also has been accredited, on contingency by the American Psychological Association (APA), which grants national accreditation for programs in health service psychology. The University will apply for full accreditation within three years. The program's current APA accreditation status of accreditation, on contingency expires on April 7, 2024. The curriculum meets the State of New Hampshire licensing requirements for psychologists.

# How to Apply

## Application Requirements

To apply to Rivier University's Doctor of Psychology in Counseling and School Psychology (Psy.D.) program, please submit:

1. A completed Psy.D. application form
2. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
3. Current resume or curriculum vitae documenting at least three years of work experience
4. Statement of purpose ☐ A three-to-six-page essay that reflects on the following:
  - a. your professional experience and how this experience relates to doctoral study
  - b. your reasons for pursuing doctoral study
  - c. research and/or clinical goal(s), problem(s), and/or question(s) you may wish to address during doctoral study and research
  - d. how doctoral study will enhance your personal and professional career goals
  - e. why you think you would be a good fit for the combined program in counseling and school
  - f. diversity experiences and evidence of a commitment to serving diverse populations
5. Three letters of recommendation – Each applicant is required to submit at least three (3) letters of reference that speak to the applicant's professional and/or academic work, potential for successful completion of doctoral study, and character.

*Applicants are encouraged to provide individuals making the recommendations with a copy of their personal written statement of purpose to ensure that the recommendation addresses these matters. Letters of reference must have been written within six (6) months of the date of the completed application.*
6. Writing sample
  - a. For Traditional Admission students, an academic writing sample
  - b. For Advanced Standing students, a minimum of one representative clinical work sample of current professional skills (i.e., test reports, treatment plans, case conceptualizations or summaries, etc.). If none of these is available, an academic writing sample should be submitted.
7. A \$100 non-refundable fee must accompany your application.
8. GRE scores in Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing within the last five years.

## Application Process

1. **Complete and submit an application online at [apply.rivier.edu](http://apply.rivier.edu)** along with the \$100 non-refundable application fee.
2. **Review all application requirements and request official transcripts** be sent to Rivier University.
3. **Send supplemental documents** to Rivier to complete your application portfolio. (*Your resume/CV and statement of purpose can be uploaded with your application or sent separately after application submission.*)
4. **Ask questions** by contacting us at (603) 897-8507 or email [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu).

## Application Deadlines

The following schedule applies for admission consideration:

February 1	Application deadline
Mid-February	Decisions on interviews
March 1	Notification of interview decisions
April 1	Notification of admission decisions
April 15	Student notification of decision deadline
Fall	New doctoral class begins

## Acceptance into the Program

Rivier will provide you with notifications on your application status throughout the process. Acceptance notifications are sent by April 15.

## Interviews

Finalists for admission are invited to campus for in-person interviews with members of the Core Faculty Committee. Depending upon circumstances and availability, interviews may be conducted by phone.

## Quick Links

**Ask a Question** – [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu)

**Meet with an Enrollment Advisor** – [rivier.edu/team](http://rivier.edu/team)

**Tuition & Fees** – [rivier.edu/tuition](http://rivier.edu/tuition)

**Attend an Info Session** – [events.rivier.edu](http://events.rivier.edu)

**Request Information** – [inquire.rivier.edu](http://inquire.rivier.edu)

**Doctor of Psychology website** – [rivier.edu/psyd](http://rivier.edu/psyd)

**Apply Now** – [rivier.edu/apply](http://rivier.edu/apply)