

GRADUATE SCHOOL IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (AND OTHER RELATED PROFESSIONS)

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YOUR INTERESTS

- Develop your career goals
- Determine your interest in research
- Determine which type of program fits your interests/goals (Clinical vs. Counseling vs. Social Work vs. School Psychology)
- Determine which degree (Doctorate vs. Master's Degree) based upon your career goals

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES

- Experience research (e.g., assist a professor or graduate student)
- Develop an honors thesis
- Volunteer for clinical opportunities (e.g., rape crisis center; suicide hotlines)
- Psychology Club, Psi Chi, membership in other professional organizations
- "Shadowing" Experiences
- Advanced Coursework – Related Coursework (e.g., anthropology, criminology, philosophy)
- Develop **RELATIONSHIPS** with faculty

INVESTIGATING & SELECTING PROGRAMS

- Training Models: Research-Scientist, Scientist-Practitioner (Boulder Model), Professional (Vail Model)
- Different doctorate degrees: Ph.D. vs. Psy.D. vs. Ed.D.
- Theoretical Models / Approaches to Treatment
APA Accreditation
- Research/Clinical Interests & Training Opportunities
- Financial Support

DETERMINE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS/STRENGTHS

- GPA & GRE scores
- Research experience
- Letters of Recommendation (3)

APPLYING TO PROGRAMS

- Determine which programs "match" your career goals (e.g., degree, training model, research)
- Apply **ONLY** to programs that match your interests
- Estimate your likelihood for success (e.g., compare your GREs to the standard/average), apply to a "range" of programs with regard to likelihood of acceptance (i.e., "tier" method)
- With lower GREs or GPA, apply to both doctorate and master's level programs

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Statement of Purpose / Biographical Statement (Who are you? Highlighting the "match")
- Letters of Recommendation* (from "academics" rather than "supervisors")
- Curriculum Vita (resume)

Additional Sources on the Web:

<http://miavx1.muohio.edu/~psycwis/psichi/psi-chi-links.html> (Miami University's Psi Chi links)
<http://home.att.net/~Jessica-Percondani> (Going to Graduate School in Psychology & Related Fields)
<http://www.cas.okstate.edu/psych/undergrad/gradbook/ApplyGradProg.html> (Step by Step Guide to Applications)