

Psychology Graduate Programs in Arizona: a Brief Guide

This guide lists graduate programs and other opportunities that offer a master's or doctoral degree in psychology or in closely related fields. A listing here does not, in any way, imply an endorsement of the program. For further information about a specific program, contact the program directly.

Master's Degree Programs at ASU

Master of Science (M.S.) in Applied Behavior Analysis

Offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, Tempe Campus

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 727. 5024

This program is a full-time, scientifically based, two-year program that is approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) with more than 270 *classroom* hours and 1,500 hours of practicum fieldwork. Successful graduates will be able to sit for BACB certification and once certified, will be eligible for state-licensing. The program's learning outcomes include mastery across three major areas: 1) basic behavior–analytic skills, 2) client-centered responsibilities and 3) foundational knowledge. Psychology's MS ABA program is “bricks and mortar” and has no online courses.

Master of Counseling (M.C.)

Offered by the College of Integrative Sciences & Arts

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 8733

The mission of the MC in counseling program is to prepare students to become professional mental health counselors, culturally competent to work with diverse clientele in a variety of mental health settings in Arizona and other states. Clinical mental health counselors seek to prevent or treat psychological problems and to promote the health of individuals, families, groups and organizations in a multicultural and diverse society. The MC program was designed according to the standards for clinical mental health and school counseling set by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

Master of Science (M.S.) in Psychology

Offered by the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the West Campus

[Website](#); Phone: 602. 543. 6266

The Masters in Psychology program is research oriented and does not lead to eligibility for clinical licensing. The program is most appropriate for students who plan to continue on to a doctoral program, and students who wish to pursue a research-based or applied career in psychology or related fields, such as marketing research, education research analysis, public policy analysis, research project management, and program evaluation.

Master of Science (M.S.) in Human Systems Engineering (HSE)

Offered by the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at the Polytechnic Campus

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 727. 4723

The HSE program emphasizes the application of psychological science, cognitive science, and engineering principles to diverse areas, including decision making, health, human factors, human-computer interaction, learning and education, perception, social processes, team cognition, usability, and product development. Areas of specific focus have included aviation, consumer products, educational technology, health care, military applications, cyber security, and public safety.

Master of Advanced Study (M.A.S.) in Infant-Family Practice

Master of Advanced Study (M.A.S.) in Marriage and Family Therapy

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Sociology

Master of Science (M.S.) in Family & Human Development

The programs above are offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics.

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 6874

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

Offered by the College of Public Service & Community Solutions, School of Social Work

[Website](#); Phone: 602. 496. 0800

The Master of Social Work Program (MSW) prepares professional social work practitioners for advanced direct practice or planning, administration, and community practice, each with a special emphasis on populations of the Southwest. In addition all students in the advanced direct practice concentration select one of the following specializations: children, youth, and family; health/behavioral health with adults, or public child welfare. The M.S.W. program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Doctoral Degree Programs at ASU

Ph.D. in Psychology

Offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, Tempe Campus

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 7606

This is a research-based program. The Department of Psychology offers doctoral programs designed to provide outstanding training in innovative research, methodology and the application of psychological principles to a wide variety of human conditions. The department is organized into six major areas of interest: (1) Behavioral Neuroscience; (2) Clinical Psychology; (3) Cognitive Science; (4) Developmental Psychology; (5) Quantitative Psychology; and (6) Social Psychology.

Students pursue their doctoral studies within one of these six areas, and each area determines the basic curriculum for their graduate program. However, there is substantial opportunity to integrate courses of study across areas in the department. Please refer to the website above for detailed information about the program.

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

Offered by the College of Integrative Sciences & Arts

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 8733

The American Psychological Association-accredited doctoral program in counseling psychology closely adheres to the scientist-practitioner training model in preparing graduates for employment in academic and service delivery settings. Although faculty interests are diverse, there is a common emphasis on empirical data as the basis for professional practice. The faculty has endorsed the ethical principles and code of conduct, guidelines on multicultural education, training, research, practice and organizational change for psychologists and the guidelines for psychotherapy with lesbian, gay and bisexual clients of the American Psychological Association.

Ph.D. in Family and Human Development

Offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 6669

The doctorate degree program in Family and Human Development prepares researchers with a focus on social processes, family relationships, and infant, child, adolescent and emerging adult development. The doctoral program is designed for graduates to assume leadership roles as researchers and academicians in universities or other research-oriented settings, or as directors in public or privately funded mental health agencies, industry or government.

Ph.D. in Sociological Inquiry

Offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

[Website](#); Phone: 480. 965. 8053

The program is dedicated to the advancement of sociological research by critically evaluating, improving, and integrating theory and methods so that social phenomena of interest can be more soundly investigated and better understood. The program is designed to be flexible enough to handle a wide variety of student interests, but also rigorous so as to ensure that its graduates can meaningfully contribute to social research and practice. Primary areas of emphasis include demography, family and life course, health and medical sociology, and education.

Ph.D. in Social Work

Offered by the College of Public Service & Community Solutions, School of Social Work

[Website](#); Phone: 602. 496. 0800

The purpose of the doctoral program in social work is to prepare future social work scholars. The program introduces students to the complex range of roles and responsibilities of faculty and other social work roles of leadership. Critical thinking and creativity in research, teaching and service are at the core of our program. Students are expected to participate fully in research, teaching and field liaison activities during their course of studies.

Doctor of Behavioral Health (D.B.H.)

Offered by the College of Health Solutions

[Website](#); Phone: 602. 496. 1354

The Doctor of Behavioral Health degree prepares students with the medical literacy, evidence-based intervention, and business entrepreneurial skills to accomplish the triple aim of improving patient health care experiences, expanding reach to address population health issues, and reducing service delivery costs. Students in the program are trained to become health care leaders in primary care settings where they effectively address the changes occurring in an evolving health care marketplace through new integrated care models.

Other Graduate Programs in the Phoenix Metro Area

Midwestern University:

[Doctor of Psychology \(Psy.D.\) in Clinical Psychology](#)

The Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Program follows the practitioner-scholar model of preparation that was accepted by the American Psychological Association at the Vail Conference. The Psy.D. has become the degree of choice for persons interested in becoming a high-level practitioner when pursuing a career in clinical psychology. The overall goal is to prepare students for careers in the practice of professional psychology.

Argosy University:

You will find numerous graduate programs in psychology at Argosy University, including mental health counseling, forensic psychology, industrial organizational psychology, and sport-exercise psychology, just to name a few. These programs are found within Argosy's [College of Counseling, Psychology, & Social Sciences](#).

Argosy also offers graduate programs in psychology within their [College of Education](#), including educational psychology and school psychology, among others.

The Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology is offered by the [College of Clinical Psychology](#).

Grand Canyon University:

There are many [graduate programs in psychology](#) at Grand Canyon University such as professional counseling, addiction counseling, industrial and organizational psychology, and cognition and instruction. The master's programs are offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the doctoral programs are offered by [College of Doctoral Studies](#).

University of Phoenix:

You will find master's degree programs at the [University of Phoenix](#) such as general psychology, industrial-organizational psychology, and clinical mental health counseling.

Arizona Graduate Programs Outside the Phoenix Metro Area

Prescott College:

[Master of Science \(M.S.\) in Counseling](#)

The program in Counseling offers you an opportunity to discover and develop your own therapeutic qualities while learning theory and building skills for professional practice as either clinical counselors, couple and family therapists, addiction counselors, or school counselors in various capacities of your own choosing. At the heart of the program is a holistic approach to mental health, healing and wellness.

Northern Arizona University (NAU):

[Master of Arts \(M.A.\) in Mental Health Counseling](#)

This program prepares you, through classroom instruction, fieldwork experience, practice, and internships, to become an applied general practitioner with a unique educational-developmental orientation to work within social, mental health, and human service agencies.

[Master of Education \(M.Ed.\) in Counseling – School Counseling](#)

The Educational Psychology Department designed this plan to prepare professional school counselors. It is appropriate if you're seeking the Arizona Department of Education's K-12 Guidance Counselor Certification.

[Master of Arts \(M.A.\) in Psychological Sciences](#)

The fundamental principle underlying the graduate program in psychological sciences at NAU is that all inquiry in psychology is structured by the scientific method. This inquiry is accomplished by proposing and testing theoretical explanations about human behavioral, biological and mental processes. Students in our program take courses that are best suited for their professional goals such as preparation for doctoral programs, employment in health-related fields (including behavior analysis), teaching psychology, or other areas of employment that require research, methodology, and statistical skills.

[Educational Specialist \(Ed.S.\) in School Psychology](#)

This degree and state certification program is designed to prepare you as a school psychologist. The emphasis focuses on developing skills in the assessment of learning and behavior problems as well as those needed to serve as an effective consultant with school personnel. This EDS and state certification program is appropriate if you want to be certified by the Arizona Department of Education as a school psychologist. The program is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

[Ph.D. in Counseling/School Psychology](#)

NAU offers a combined Ph.D. program in counseling and school psychology. Please refer to the link above for specific details.

*Please note that this program is has been granted APA accreditation on contingency.

University of Arizona:

The UofA offers a number of graduate programs in psychology and related fields. See below for details.

Ph.D. in Psychology

[Website](#); Phone: 520. 621. 7445

Our graduate Ph.D. program provides concentrations of study in three distinct, but interactive, areas: Clinical Psychology; Cognition and Neural Systems (CNS) and Social Psychology. We also offer three unique interdisciplinary minors that are open to graduate students from all disciplines: Ethology and Evolutionary Psychology (EEP); Health Psychology; and Neuropsychology. While our graduate programs vary in specific contents and research methods, they all share basic goals that are compatible with our philosophy of providing students with outstanding science-centered education and in-depth research training to prepare the next generation of leaders in science and society.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling (Rehabilitation & Mental Health)

[Website](#); Phone: 520. 621. 7822

The Counseling Master's Program prepares students with a solid grounding to become Certified Rehabilitation Counselors, Certified School Counselor, and Licensed Associated Counselors (LAC). As Counselors you will engage in relationships that empower diverse population groups including children, adolescents, adults, and individuals with disabilities. Depending on their area of emphasis they may work in school or rehabilitation settings, as well as a wide variety of other settings.

Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision

[Website](#); Phone: 520. 621. 7822

A student's Program of Study for the Ph.D. degree in Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) has the objective of preparing counselor educators and researchers. It accomplishes this through these objectives: 1) offering a broad based curriculum in CES in concert with the scholar-practitioner model of training; 2) permitting students to explore specialized areas of scholarship by focusing on a selected minor area of study such as special education, school psychology, social psychology, and public health.

Educational Specialist Program (Ed.S.) and Ph.D. in School Psychology

[Website](#); Phone: 520. 621. 7822

The Ed.S. curriculum is designed to prepare graduates to work as certified school psychologists in school districts across the nation. The curriculum also prepares students for taking the national examination to become a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP). The Ph.D. curriculum is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in school psychology and related disciplines. Graduates of this program are prepared for a career that may involve research, scholarship, or practice. For example, they may function as academic school psychologists, licensed psychologists who work in schools, certified school psychologists, educational consultants, or private practitioners.

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Educational Psychology

[Website](#); Phone: 520. 621. 7828

This program exposes students to emerging psychological research and theory, preparing them for a wide range of professional positions in education, government, and industry. For other students, master's work provides a level of entry into a doctoral program in Educational Psychology. All students learn how psychology is relevant to educational issues.

Ph.D. in Educational Psychology

[Website](#) ; Phone: 520 621 7828

The Ph.D. program encompasses an integrated degree that calls for knowledge of teaching, learning, development, motivation; and measurement, statistics, evaluation, and research design. Students are expected to acquire a balanced knowledge of both scholarly and applied aspects of the field of educational psychology. This integrated degree prepares students for both teaching and research careers, primarily in colleges and universities, but also in school settings, testing firms, industry, and research organization.