

Department of Advanced Studies in Psychology

Virtual Open House
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World-Class Education

Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Combined School & Clinical Psychology

Professional Diploma in School Psychology



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Department faculty and staff

▶ Faculty

- ▶ Jennifer Block Lerner, Ph.D., PsyD Program Director
- ▶ Donald Marks Psy.D., Director of Clinical Training & Associate Director of Kean Psychological Services
- ▶ David Brandwein Psy.D., Associate Director of Clinical Training
- ▶ Adrienne Garro Ph.D., Program Coordinator, Professional Diploma in School Psychology Program
- ▶ Keri Giordano, Psy.D., Coordinator of School-Based Research
- ▶ Aaron Gubi Ph.D., Director of Kean Psychological Services
- ▶ Kendahl Shortway, Psy.D., Research Coordinator
- ▶ Administrative assistant – Mrs. Gladine Forbes
- ▶ Student representatives –Anthony Fortuna, MA and Yael Osman, MA, Kelly Kondroski, MA

PsyD program: Overarching goal and accreditation

The preparation of school and clinical psychologists capable of the ethical delivery of effective evidence-based assessment/diagnostic and therapeutic/intervention services across a variety of settings, in a variety of professional roles, and to diverse client populations in need of such services

Accreditations

- ▶ *American Psychological Association (APA) accredited – 2016 through 2023*
- ▶ *National Association of School Psychologists accredited 2017*

Structure of program and related considerations

- ▶ Combined school and clinical training for all students
- ▶ Most classes during the day
- ▶ Full-time program throughout most of calendar year
- ▶ Students expected to travel to and present at professional conferences
- ▶ Geographic flexibility for internship year expected
- ▶ Small cohort size (~10-12 students)
- ▶ Limited number of graduate assistantships
 - ▶ 15-20 hours of work within/outside the department
 - ▶ Tuition remission and small stipend
 - ▶ Graduate assistants may not hold outside employment that interferes in any way with their assistantship responsibilities

Programmatic milestones

▶ Year 1

- ▶ Coursework/academic focus (classes 4 days/week)
- ▶ Serve as participant observers and intake assessments at Kean Psychological Services (KPS)
- ▶ Research team involvement (throughout program)

▶ Year 2

- ▶ Classes 3-4 days/week
- ▶ School externship
- ▶ Caseload at KPS
- ▶ School competency exams
- ▶ Clinical assessment competency exam

Programmatic milestones (cont.)

- ▶ Year 3
 - ▶ Classes 2-3 days/week
 - ▶ Clinical externship
 - ▶ Caseload at KPS
 - ▶ Clinical intervention competency exam
 - ▶ Dissertation proposal development and defense
- ▶ Year 4
 - ▶ Classes 2-3 days/week
 - ▶ Optional school or clinical externship
 - ▶ Caseload at KPS
 - ▶ Dissertation data collection and finalization (Years 4 & 5)
- ▶ Year 5 – full-time internship (or part-time completed over 2 years)

Select school externships

- ▶ Bogota Public School District
- ▶ Hamilton Public School District
- ▶ Nutley Public School District
- ▶ Brick Public School District
- ▶ Highland Park Community Teen Center
- ▶ Piscataway Public School District
- ▶ Cranford Public School District
- ▶ Linden Public School District
- ▶ Westfield School District
- ▶ Hazlet Township Public School District
- ▶ Rahway Public School District
- ▶ Elizabeth Public Schools
- ▶ Lakehurst Public School District
- ▶ Roselle Public School District
- ▶ Glen Rock Public School District
- ▶ Middletown Public School District
- ▶ Union City School District
- ▶ Green Brook Academy
- ▶ Newark Public Schools
- ▶ Verona Public School District

Select clinical externships

(many through NYNJADOT match process)

- ▶ Bellevue Hospital Center, Forensic Psychology
- ▶ Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Early Childhood
- ▶ Mathom House
- ▶ Metropolitan Correctional Center
- ▶ Bellevue Hospital Center, Neuropsychological Assessment
- ▶ Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pediatric Neuropsychology
- ▶ Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Infant-Parent Court Affiliated Prevention Program
- ▶ Child Mind Institute, Anxiety and Mood Disorders Center
- ▶ Bancroft NeuroRehab
- ▶ Children's Crisis Treatment Center
- ▶ Columbia University Medical Center, Neuropsychology Service
- ▶ Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Regional Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- ▶ Family and Children Services
- ▶ Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation
- ▶ NY Presbyterian Hospital, Women's Unit Inpatient
- ▶ Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Neuropsychology
- ▶ NYU Child Study Center, Anita Saltz Institute for Anxiety and Mood Disorders
- ▶ Princeton House Behavioral Health of North Brunswick
- ▶ Mount Sinai Hospital, Eating and Weight Disorders Program
- ▶ NYU Child Study Center, Institute for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity and Behavior Disorders
- ▶ Riverdale Mental Health Center
- ▶ Mount Sinai Hospital, Neuropsychological Testing and Evaluation Center
- ▶ St. Barnabas Hospital, Psychiatry
- ▶ Mount Sinai Hospital, Seaver Autism Center for Research and Treatment
- ▶ SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Infant Child and Learning Center
- ▶ Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital
- ▶ Northport VAMC
- ▶ Cooper University Hospital
- ▶ Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
- ▶ Rockland Psychiatric

Outcomes for PsyD students/ graduates

▶ Internship match process

▶ Outcomes

- ▶ 2013: 88.5% APPIC match rate; 100% obtained internships
- ▶ 2014: 88.5% APPIC match rate; 100% obtained internships
- ▶ 2015: 78.8% APPIC match rate; 100% obtained internships
- ▶ 2016: 75% APPIC match rate; 90% obtained internships
- ▶ 2017: 87.5% APPIC match rate; 100% obtained internships
- ▶ 2018 and 2019: 100% APPIC match rate

▶ Mix of clinical and school placements

- ▶ Nearly 100% of graduates in postdoctoral fellowships or professional positions in psychology (e.g., independent practice, academic medical centers/hospitals, schools, community mental health centers, academic settings, forensic settings)
- ▶ National licensing exam (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology) pass rates upper 90%

Application process

- ▶ Applications
 - ▶ PSYCAS – common application
 - ▶ Kean supplemental application
- ▶ See <https://www.kean.edu/academics/nathan-weiss-graduate-college/school-and-clinical-psychology-psyd-admission-requirements> for more detailed information about the program and links to application

More details...

Program goals (values)

- ▶ Scientific foundation of psychology
- ▶ Clinical skills
- ▶ Diversity and cultural understanding
- ▶ Interdisciplinary/interprofessional roles
- ▶ Professional roles and advocacy
- ▶ Commitment to lifelong learning

Conceptual/theoretical frameworks

- ▶ Intrinsic interconnectedness between science and practice
 - ▶ Evidence-informed practice
 - ▶ Practice-informed research
- ▶ Behavioral approaches
 - ▶ Traditional behavioral therapy
 - ▶ Traditional CBT
 - ▶ Functional contextual approaches including mindfulness and acceptance-based interventions
- ▶ Exposure to psychodynamic, systems, psychopharmacological and other approaches

Kean Psychological Services

- ▶ Dedicated Psy.D. training clinic
- ▶ Psy.D. students provide all clinical assessment and intervention services, supervised by faculty
- ▶ Rotating experiences over course of training
- ▶ Digital video recording
- ▶ Electronic medical records
- ▶ Telehealth services about to launch (6/2020)
- ▶ Evidence-based practice and research integration

PsyD research sequence

- ▶ Research intensive Psy.D. program
- ▶ Research teams run by each faculty
- ▶ Presentations at national conferences in school and clinical psychology
- ▶ Dissertation process that concludes with article submission

PsyD competency evaluations

- ▶ Foundations Competency Examination (Year 1)
- ▶ Assessment Competency Examination (Year 2)
- ▶ Intervention Competency Examination (Year 3)
- ▶ Dissertation (Year 5)



Questions & Conversation

Thank you for sharing this time with us

Please feel free to contact us with questions or for more information.

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