# Master of Arts in Psychology

Health through understanding

Our Master of Arts in Psychology (MAP) program is an accelerated professional program that provides a foundation in the study of human behavior and skills for working with people. With a diverse base of courses, our students can focus on developing their understanding of psychological science to further their professional careers in many ways, including work in research settings, in human service, health, or educational organizations, and in doctoral programs in psychology. In addition to the core graduate courses in psychology, the MAP degree offers areas of focus in health and wellness or science and theories, according to your professional interests and goals.

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The Master of Arts in Psychology is a program within Chatham University's **SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES.** The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high first-time licensure rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Classes focus on experiential learning, allowing students to practice their skills in addition to gaining the needed background and education.
- Class sizes are small, and the program's full-time core faculty members have extensive experience in clinical, community, or research settings in addition to teaching experience.
- Students have many opportunities to participate in research projects, attend and present at conferences, and work as graduate associates or teaching assistants.
- You'll engage and interact with other students through collaborative and cooperative coursework, social activities, and graduate student associations. Relationships with students and faculty often continue long after the program ends and can become vital resources for your career.

## **SAMPLE COURSES**

#### PSY503: Applied Biological Psychology

The course addresses biological aspects of human psychology, including the biological basis of neurological deficits and mental disorders, and the use of psychotropic medications for treating mental illnesses. Topics also include stress and health; mental disorders such as depression, anxiety, and schizophrenia; and contemporary issues in biological psychology.

#### **PSY668: Crisis, Trauma and Recovery**

The course is an introduction to the field of psychological trauma, examining the historical development of trauma as a clinical entity and an overview of theories and strategies for treating trauma. Students will learn to identify and work with their own reactions to clients who present trauma issues.

#### **PSY681: Professional Integration Seminar**

The course explores ethical conceptualization, analysis, and practices of applied and counseling psychologists. Topics include the ethical standards of the American Psychological Association and the American Counseling Association, the history of applied psychology, and the developing mental health counseling movement. Certification, licensure, and regulatory practices are also discussed.

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### **OUTCOMES**

Here are some of the positions that our graduates have held:

- Counselor at Presence Mercy Medical Center
- Bereavement Specialist at Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support
- Creative Arts Facilitator/Therapeutic Specialist at Wesley Spectrum Services, Pittsburgh, PA
- Principal Researcher at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- Assistant Director of Knowledge Communities and Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Initiatives at NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education), Washington, DC

"Chatham's flexibility and diversity were perfect as a launching pad for my professional development. I was exposed to nearly every perspective and theoretical orientation through my work with faculty and other students. I chose this program to help me get into my doctoral program and could not have felt more prepared when it came time to taking the next step."

- NICK URAM, MAP '09

"Our students learn and are committed to seeing the people they work with as unique, 'whole' individuals, with rich histories, hopes, dreams, and courage. Students and faculty feel honored to be part of their clients' life journeys toward health and happiness."

> MARY BETH MANNARINO, PH.D., associate professor

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#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- · Resume or curriculum vitae
- Essay
- College-level (3 credits) introductory psychology course
- · Phone interview

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- Fall Recommended Deadline: July 1
- Spring Recommended Deadline: November 1

## Apply online at chatham.edu/apply

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

A limited number of research, special project, and teaching assistantships are available to help defray the cost of the tuition while also earning valuable, hands-on experience in the field. This assistantship is in the form of tuition remission and will reduce a student's final tuition bill. Please contact your admission counselor to learn more.