

The Clinical Training Program: Model Ph.D. Program Schedule

The Department recognizes that timelines may vary depending on the nature of the individual's research. Note: After the first year, many courses are taught in alternating years; therefore, the model program will have to be adapted for when courses are offered.

Students entering the program with graduate course work in psychology from another university often can transfer credits to fulfill program requirements. Students with a completed Master's Degree from another university might complete their coursework one year sooner than those times indicated below. Guidelines for developing and completing the Master's thesis and dissertation are as follows:

- Begin to develop the Master's thesis research proposal during the first year and formally propose the project at the end of the Fall semester of year two.
- Recommended: Defend the Master's project by the start of the third year.
- Complete your doctoral portfolio at the end of the third year.
- Formally propose the Ph.D. dissertation at the start of the fourth year, and no later than October 15 of the year you intend to apply for internship.
- Recommended: Defend the Ph.D. dissertation during the fifth year.

Year	Semester	Research	Courses	Clinical Cases
1	Fall	MA work	Adv Statistics I	V-Team
1	Fall	Assist in Research Lab	Psychological Assessment (Child or Adult)	Clinic Cluster
1	Fall		Adv Psychopathology or Biobehavioral Proseminar	
1	Fall		Clinical Skills	
1	Spring	MA work	Adv Statistics II	V-Team
1	Spring	Assist in Research Lab	Cognitive & Behavioral Therapy (Child or Adult)	Clinic Cluster
1	Spring		Ethics or Research Methods	
2	Fall	MA work (Propose)	Psychological Assessment (Child or Adult)	3 Contact Hours
2	Fall	Assist in Research Lab	Adv Psychopathology or Biobehavioral ProSem	V-Team
2	Fall		Elective Course	Clinic Cluster
2	Fall			Evaluation Service
2	Spring	MA work	Cognitive & Behavioral Therapy (Child or Adult)	Receive Peer Supervision
2	Spring	Assist in Research Lab	Developmental Proseminar	Evaluation Service
2	Spring		Ethics or Research Methods	3 Contact Hours
3	Fall	MA work (Defend) and Dissertation work	History of Psychology (Asynchronous & Remote)	6 Contact Hours
3	Fall	Assist in Research Lab		V-Team

3	Fall			Clinic Cluster
3	Fall			Individual Supervision
3	Fall			Evaluation Service
3	Spring	Dissertation Work	Supervision and Consultation (1 Credit)	6 Contact Hours
3	Spring	Assist in Research Lab		V-Team
3	Spring			Provide Peer Supervision
3	Spring			Clinic Cluster
3	Spring			Individual Supervision
3	Spring			Evaluation Service
4	Fall	Dissertation Work (Propose)		6 Contact Hours at VPS or Off Campus Training
4	Fall	Complete Doctoral Portfolio		V-Team
4	Fall	Assist in Research Lab		Clinic Cluster
4	Fall			Individual Supervision
4	Fall			Evaluation Service
4	Spring	Dissertation Work		6 Contact Hours at VPS or Off Campus Training
4	Spring	Assist in Research Lab		V-Team
4	Spring	Complete Doctoral Portfolio		Clinic Cluster
4	Spring			Individual Supervision
4	Spring			Evaluation Service
5	Fall	Dissertation Work		50/50
5	Fall	Assist in Research Lab		V-Team
5	Fall	Apply for Internship		Clinic Cluster
5	Fall			Eval (3 hours per week)
5	Spring	Dissertation Work (Defend)		50/50
5	Spring	Assist in Research Lab		V-Team
5	Spring			Clinic Cluster

Importantly, **NO STUDENT CAN APPLY FOR INTERNSHIP** (that is, they will not receive endorsement of their application from the Director of Clinical Training) **IF THEY HAVE NOT HAD THEIR DISSERTATION PROPOSAL FORMALLY APPROVED BY OCTOBER 15 OF THAT YEAR.** There are no exceptions to this rule.

Sixth Academic Year

If on internship, sign up for PSYS 6991 Internship in Clinical Psychology (0 hours credit) both semesters. Students on internship who have loans, should also register for 6 credits of GRAD 9020 to maintain half-time status and defer loans.

If not done already, complete and defend dissertation.

Notes

1. VPS = Vermont Psychological Services, our training clinic
2. A total of 6 Master's Thesis research credit hours is required for the Master's degree and (subsequently) a total of 20 dissertation research credit hours is required for the Ph.D. degree. When the 20 hours of PSYS 7491 should be taken will vary depending on type of financial support, course requirements, and other factors. Taking as many of these hours as soon as possible is important!
3. All funded students can take up to 5 credits in the summer without paying for them. If you have Master's or dissertation credits left to take, use your summer credits towards those totals. If you have no remaining research credits to take, register for 5 credits of GRAD 9020 Continuing Registration.
4. Electives need to add up to 9 hours. Electives can consist of 1-, 2-, or 3-hour courses. One elective must be a 3-credit treatment course.