

A Nationally Accredited Program

FDU's 36-credit, 1.5 year MA in Clinical Forensic Psychology is among the first master's programs in the country to be accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).



This fast-growing health service psychology specialization applies both clinical and forensic psychology to legal and correctional settings. Professional opportunities include careers in correctional facilities, hospitals, community-based institutions, private practices, courts, law firms and law enforcement agencies.

FDU's MA in Clinical Forensic Psychology prepares you for two distinct pathways, based on your professional goals:

- Competent, **entry-level practice** in health service psychology within a wide range of clinical and forensic settings; and
- High positioning for **matriculation to a doctoral program** in clinical psychology (including those with forensic tracks/concentrations).

Program Highlights

- A full-time 36-credit program featuring sequential classes and externship experience
- **Complete in 1.5 years** (3 traditional academic semesters and a summer session)
- All in-person coursework is completed during the fall and spring of the first year; **all other coursework is fully online**
- **Competitively priced tuition** of under \$30,000 for the entire program (based on 2025-2026 tuition rates)
- A **300-hour clinical placement** that can be completed at a range of clinical and forensic settings, accompanied by weekly group supervision
- Clinical and forensic **research opportunities**
- Option to attend a unique **week-long summer study abroad experience** at FDU's Wroxton College campus in England focused on special topics in forensic psychology
- **No GRE scores** are needed to apply and there is **no application fee** for domestic applicants
- There is **no thesis requirement** but all students must pass comprehensive examinations the final semester of the program to graduate

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Student/faculty ratio with an average class size of 10 to 15 students

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FDU is currently **one of only three master's programs** nationwide to hold APA accreditation.

Research Opportunities

Graduate-level research opportunities at FDU provide an important gateway to doctoral studies. Current faculty research areas include:

- Forensic assessment and treatment
- Sexual violence prevention
- Health of incarcerated individuals
- Personality disorders, self-harm, and suicide

Students may join existing projects or develop independent ones. Opportunities to present at conferences or contribute to professional publications are also available.

Why Is APA Accreditation Important?

The APA is the only psychology accreditor recognized by both the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The APA recently began granting master's level accreditation in 2024 as part of its efforts to recognize quality in health service psychology programs.

FDU's MA in Clinical Forensic Psychology became **one of the first master's programs in the country** to be accredited by the APA. The program received full accreditation for 10 years.

About FDU Health

We are among the three colleges comprising the Division of FDU Health: Nursing and Allied Health, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Psychology and Counseling.

FDU Health's innovative, interprofessional and partnership-based approach focuses on preparing professionals to play a leadership role in solving the challenges facing healthcare today and tomorrow.



Academic Courses

All courses are 3 credits (including the 300-hour externship):

1st Semester (Fall)

PSYC6114 Psychopathology

PSYC6230 Introduction to Forensic Psychology

PSYC6231 Psychological Bases of Criminal Behavior

PSYC6121 Statistics and Research Methods[†]

2nd Semester (Spring)

PSYC7220 Individual and Cultural Diversity

PSYC7230 Forensic Assessment and Prediction

PSYC6130 Interviewing Techniques

PSYC6227 Clinical Practice in Forensic Contexts

Summer Session (Online)

PSYC7244 Advanced Seminar in Forensic Psychology

PSYC7243 Special Topics in Forensic Psychology*

3rd Semester (Fall)

PSYC7234 Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice (Online)

PSYC7240 Externship in Forensic Psychology
(3-credit course with a required minimum of 300 hours at an external site)

*Students are strongly encouraged, though not required, to enroll in the section of this course that includes a week-long trip to study in England.

Application Requirements

The deadline for applying for the fall semester is **March 1**.

A complete application includes filing of an online application, curriculum vitae, personal statement, transcripts from all institutions attended and two letters of recommendation from a professor or supervisor.

FDU is committed to recognizing and supporting the diverse identities of our students, including race, religion, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, sex, ability status, age, nationality and socioeconomic class.

Full details on applying and admission policies can be found at fdu.edu/ClinicalForensicPsych.

TO LEARN MORE

To learn more about the program, scan the code or visit fdu.edu/forensicpsych.

For information about the application process, contact Graduate Admissions at grad@fdu.edu or 201-692-7308.

