

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND RESEARCH  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE Ph.D. IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Individuals applying for admission to the Ph.D. Program in Counseling Psychology must request four letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's potential for doctoral work (via the online system) and submit the supplemental documents listed below by uploading them to the online application system. All materials must be uploaded by the December 5th deadline. You will be uploading the following documents: your vita, a listing of relevant courses that you have already completed, and your three essays. Detailed information about these documents is provided below. The Counseling Psychology program admits new students only for the fall semester of each academic year.

Supplemental materials

1. Vita. Be sure to include relevant occupational experiences (clinical placements, research experiences, teaching, or other professional work, including Graduate Assistantships). When describing clinical experiences, include number of direct hours, type of services provided, and information regarding supervision.
2. Relevant Courses Taken: List all relevant courses (psychology, counseling, research, behavioral sciences, educational psychology, etc.) that you completed in your graduate work (or undergraduate if you have not yet completed graduate work). Be sure to indicate the course title, credit hours, grade for each course, date completed (or in progress), and whether it was graduate (G) or undergraduate (UG).
3. Personal Statement: This statement should be a concise essay (500 words or less) that reflects your educational and career goals. Explain why you are pursuing a degree in Counseling Psychology, and how you perceive yourself as a good fit for the Counseling Psychology program at The University of Memphis.
4. Counseling Experience Essay : Describe a meaningful clinical case (keeping ethical standards regarding confidentiality in mind). In describing the case, tell us what made this case meaningful to you and provide your theoretical orientation and how that influenced your work with the client.
5. Research Experience Essay: Describe the research projects in which you have been involved (no more than three). Also, please include your current research interests and how your interests relate to the research areas of the Counseling Psychology faculty at the University of Memphis.