

Department of Psychology
Psy.D. Program in Clinical-Community Psychology
(APA Accredited, 2003)

Assessment Plan

The Psy. D. Program follows guidelines established by the American Psychological Association. These guidelines include presentation of evidence of an on-going effort to demonstrate student academic progress and learning outcomes. The Psy. D. Program conducts the following assessment activities to track student progress and learning outcomes:

1. Year 2 Competency Exam

This exam assesses multiple domains of knowledge using multiple choice questions and vignettes at the end of the second year. Students have to pass this exam, in addition to meeting other requirements, to receive their M.S. degrees in Psychology on their way to the Psy.D.

2. Year 3 Clinical-Community Competency Exam

This exam assesses student readiness to begin their pre-doctoral internship. It involves doing and oral case conceptualization and treatment planning in the presence of two faculty examiners.

3. Supervisor evaluation of Clinical Skills

All students are evaluated by their supervisors in their practicum and fieldwork courses. These evaluations are periodically aggregated to identify program level strengths and weaknesses.

4. Student satisfaction survey

This survey is administered periodically to assess student satisfaction with six aspects of the program: Curriculum, clinical training, dissertation, program resources and support activities, university resources and departmental graduate assistantship.