

Frequently asked questions

- Is your program accredited by the APA?
 - No, because the APA only accredits doctoral level programs; it does not accredit Masters level programs.
- What is the difference between the M.A. degree and the M.S. degree?
 - The primary distinction between these two degrees in our program is that the M.A. requires students to complete a thesis whereas the M.S. does not. Additionally, students pursuing a M.A. degree are required to complete one semester of internship while students pursuing the M.S. degree complete two semesters of practicum/internship.
- Can I still apply to the program if I was not a Psychology major?
 - Yes, so long as you have completed a minimum of 18 semester hours of undergraduate psychology coursework.
- What types of internships are available?
 - Numerous internship sites are available in a variety of settings including medical hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, community mental health centers, substance abuse facilities, women's resource centers/domestic violence shelters, and correctional facilities.
- Is it possible to complete an internship in another state?
 - Yes, although the student will need to find the site him/herself and it will have to be pre-approved. Several past students have completed all of their required coursework in 3 semesters and have completed their internships in another state during their fourth and final semester.
- What types of research experiences are available?
 - While some students pursue the M.A. degree which requires completion of a thesis, other students pursue research through an Independent study, and others do not pursue any formal extra-curricular research activities. Students are not limited to engaging in research with Clinical faculty members, but also could potentially work with counseling, experimental, school, or I/O psychology faculty members with whom they share research interests.
- What do students usually do after they graduate from your program?
 - It depends. Many of our students seek licensure at the masters level and go on to work in mental health setting such as community mental health centers, substance abuse rehabilitation clinics, domestic violence shelters, correctional facilities and hospitals. Other students go on for further graduate training (e.g., doctoral programs in Psychology, medical school). Some students have enrolled as doctoral students in Radford University's newly established PsyD program.
- Are classes offered in the summer? Do I have to attend summer school?
 - Students often take courses in the summer, especially electives that they can use to complete their hours for licensure requirements. However, students are not required to take courses in the summer.
- Can I complete the program through online courses?
 - No.

- Can I complete the program as a part-time student?
 - Our program is designed as a full-time, two-year program. Given the sequencing of courses, it would be extremely difficult to complete the program on a part-time basis.
- Can I come to campus for a visit or talk with graduate students in your program?
 - Absolutely, in fact we encourage you to do so. To schedule a visit, contact the program coordinator.
- Do you have any graduate assistantships and if so, how do I apply? Yes, a variety of assistantships are available. To apply for one, go to the website for the Radford University College of Graduate and Professional Studies (http://gradcollege.asp.radford.edu/Apply_Documents/grad_asst_app_05.pdf).