



Doctor of Education

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Program Overview

The EdD program in Counseling Psychology is designed for students who wish to pursue a career as a mental health practitioner, or apply developmental theory to programs that emphasize the promotion of mental health and academic success for all learners.

As a unified and sequential program in psychology, all aspects of training — the acquisition of scholarly knowledge, practical skills, research skills, and the development of professional competence — are blended. Grounded in experiential learning, the EdD helps students become thoughtful, self-reflective practitioners.

The Counseling Psychology concentration allows students to sit for the State Board of Psychology examination for licensure as a psychologist in the State of California. Students can also add The Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCC) to their doctorate program, which prepares students for careers in mental health by providing a foundation in counseling, assessment, and human development. Students who become licensed professional clinical counselors promote positive change for individuals and groups by offering treatment and counseling to those with mental health and substance abuse issues.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Stockton Campus	56 units 83 with LPCC	2 Years or 3 Years with LPCC	Feb 15 priority admission Jun 1 application deadline	Summer III session start (July)	Evening options	GRE not required
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The EdD program provides practical experience and constant guidance on the ability to work with, advocate for, and learn from others. Our experienced professors and colleagues separate us from other programs, and make us assets to any employer.

Kaitlend Smith
EdD

Curriculum

Benerd College offers advanced education curriculum that emphasizes applied research, experiential learning and close professional mentorship. The EdD program provides flexible and personalized education—whether online or in the classroom—led by faculty and features small class sizes, a trademark of a Pacific education.

**Students who complete the EdS degree at University of the Pacific may count 28 units from the EdS towards the EdD program.*

Faculty

Graduate students in the EdD program benefit from close working relationships with dedicated and passionate professors. Our distinguished faculty members are firmly engaged in the local education community and provide students with exceptional opportunities for experiential learning.

Tuition, Scholarships, and Financing

The special Benerd College graduate tuition rate for the 2019-2020 academic year is \$1,053 per unit plus applicable fees. Benerd College graduate students automatically receive a 31% tuition discount, which is built into the special tuition rate. Benerd also offers additional competitive scholarships, funded by donors to the school.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

Office of Financial Aid

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OUTCOMES

Students who complete the EdD may become licensed psychologists and offer mental health counseling in a variety of settings including mental health clinics, hospitals, private practices, and schools. Graduates who also earn their EdS often work in K-12 schools and partner with families, teachers, and school staff to support students' ability to learn.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission process involves a holistic review of each applicant's background and experiences. The following are required for admission through our application in GradCAS (gradcas.liasoncas.com):

- Master's Degree
- Official transcripts
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Interview with program faculty

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

For more information, please visit:

 go.Pacific.edu/PsychEdD