

Announcing Clinical Psychology Term, Winter 2012

What is Clinical Psychology Term? Those interested in the areas of clinical psychology, counseling psychology, or social work can spend a term immersing themselves in these fields by taking two courses – PSYC 300A/277 (Clinical and Abnormal Psychology) and PSYC 300B/367 (Theories and Methods of Psychotherapy) – while simultaneously completing an internship in the Galesburg area that is related to clinical psychology (PSYC 300C). Students in the program gain an increased knowledge of clinical psychology through the integration of academic information and assignments in the two classes with the hands-on experience of working in settings typical of clinical psychologists, counselors and social workers.

How does Clinical Psychology Term work? During Winter term, students take three courses, including an internship course – PSYC 300A, 300B, and 300C. Students are assigned to internships based on the best match between their interests and site availability. Past internship experiences have included work with families and children experiencing a variety of difficulties in adjustment, individuals who are chronically mentally ill, terminally ill, or developmentally disabled, and women and children who are the victims of domestic abuse. The internship can be taken for either .5 or 1 credit, the main difference being in terms of the number of hours per week the student spends at the internship site. PSYC 300A/277 can be counted towards the psychology major as one of the “applied psychology courses” and PSYC 300B/367 can be counted towards the psychology major as one of the “advanced psychology courses.”

Who is eligible for Clinical Psychology Term? Prerequisites for Clinical Term are two 200 level PSYC courses, sophomore standing and permission of the Psychology Department via an application process (see below). Students who have previously completed PSYC 277 or PSYC 367 are NOT eligible for Clinical Term. You do not have to be a psychology major or minor to be eligible; students from psychology, anthropology/sociology, Social Service or any other areas are welcome to apply.

How do I enroll in Clinical Psychology Term? First, check to make sure you have the prerequisites (see above). Then, complete an application and turn it in to Professor Tim Kasser by Friday October 7, 2011 at 4 pm. Professor Tim Kasser will review the applications and let students know by Friday, October 14 whether or not they may enroll in Clinical Psychology Term. The Clinical Term Application Form is on the next page.

Questions? Please contact Tim Kasser at tkasser@knox.edu, X7283

(Turn over for the Clinical Psychology Term Application Form)

Clinical Psychology Term, Winter 2012 Student Application Form
Due by Friday 10/7/11 @ 4pm

Background and Prerequisites

Name: _____

Year at Knox (e.g., 1st year, 2nd year): _____

Please state your GPA: Overall _____ and in Psychology courses _____

Please list two 200 level PSYC courses that you have taken:

1. _____

2. _____

Personal Statement (maximum length, 350 words)

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you believe that you are a good candidate for Clinical Psychology Term. Describe your motivation for having this experience, and explain why you believe that you have the personal characteristics (i.e., academic ability, reliability, and emotional maturity) needed to succeed during the term.

Recommendation Letters

Please request *two* brief letters of recommendation from two individuals who know you well. At least one of these recommendations should come from an individual in the Knox community, and at least one recommendation should be from someone with whom you have had meaningful contact within the last year. Please list your recommenders:

Person 1 & relation to student: _____

Person 2 & relation to student: _____

Each letter of recommendation should address three areas: 1) your academic ability, 2) your reliability and 3) your emotional maturity. Please have your recommenders send their letters to: Clinical Psychology Term, c/o Tim Kasser, 2 East South Street, Box K-83, Galesburg, IL 61401 or e-mail them to tkasser@knox.edu. These letters must be received by 10/7/11.

Checklist for a complete application (Due by Friday 10/7/11 at 4pm)

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- Completed application form (this sheet)
- Personal statement (attached to application form)
- 2 Recommendation letters (sent by recommenders)