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## I. Preface

The following is the program guide for the William James College Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology.

This program guide is in effect for the Academic year 2021-2022 and beyond.

All policies and procedures of William James College are subject to change in response to the evolving needs and/or demands of the programs. Appropriate notification of any such changes will be made.

Academic administration operates with the strong commitment to maintaining APA accreditation. All college-wide policy review is done in close collaboration with the Clinical department and changes to any of the college-wide policies occur with full adherence to the APA Standards of Accreditation. For this reason, the Clinical Handbook focuses on program specific information and refers the reader back to the Graduate Student Handbook for details on the various academic standards.

Please reference the William James College Graduate Student Handbook for detailed college-wide policies, direct links to the Graduate Student Handbook have been included throughout this Handbook as appropriate.

## II. Chair's Message

The doctoral training in the Clinical Psychology Department at William James College is grounded in an integrative philosophy of education, with a synthesis of classroom and applied experience and a focus on the development of the professional self. Utilizing the practitioner-scholar training model, our competency-based curriculum is designed to provide the Professional Psychologist with the strongest foundation available for a career in applied psychological human services. With a practitioner faculty, our curriculum is delivered by professionals who *practice what they teach* while engaged in scholarship, program development, leadership in professional organizations, and public service.

Our evolving curriculum, embracing and addressing change in contemporary psychology, is anchored in strong foundational training while allowing for the development of individual interests, skills and areas of specialization. The various concentrations all represent career prospects that bring psychological knowledge and skill to a world in need.

In an educational atmosphere that is intellectually rigorous, warm, and communal, we welcome you to seek out the training you desire and the information you need to undertake it. Please use this Program Handbook to help navigate your way through your WJC clinical doctoral training experience and consult with us throughout the journey.



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Stacey Lambert, PsyD  
Chair of the Doctoral Program

### **III. Program Aim**

The Program's aim is: To prepare clinical psychology students who will become qualified Health Service Psychologists who use research to guide their clinical practice.

### **IV. Standards of Accreditation**

Note: The Clinical Program's aim and competencies are designed to be congruent with the American Psychological Association's Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology (HSP), and the program's training model is based on the APA Discipline Specific Knowledge and Profession-Wide Competencies:

#### **Profession-Wide Competencies**

- Research
- Ethical and legal standards
- Individual and cultural diversity
- Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Supervision
- Consultation and interprofessional/interdisciplinary skills

### **V. Curriculum**

The curriculum at WJC is designed to provide for the development of each student's competence in the theory and practice of psychology. To achieve this goal, WJC requires that each student in the doctoral program complete 134 credits taken over five years, a minimum of 3 full-time academic years must be in residence in the Clinical Psychology program at WJC<sup>1</sup>.

Distribution of credits may vary depending on the year of matriculation in the WJC program.

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<sup>1</sup> WJC, in an effort to meet the evolving needs of our students and the field of psychology, reserves the right to make periodic curricular and/or other programmatic and policy changes which may include the addition or deletion of credits required for graduation for any given year of matriculated students. Students, Faculty and Administration will be informed of any changes as they occur.

## A. Curriculum for Academic Year 2021-2022

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>I. Foundational Courses: 26 credits</b>  |  |
| CC522 Diversity and Cross Cultural Psychology (3)<br>LS659 Lifespan Development (3)<br>PS603 Social Bases of Behavior (3)<br>NP550 Functional Neuroanatomy (3)<br>CA601 Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior (3)<br>PS600 History and Systems (2)<br>PS801 Ethics, Standards and Professional Practice (3)<br>PY521 Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence (3)<br>PY522 Adult Psychopathology (3)  |  |
| <b>II. General Clinical Practice Competencies: 10 credits</b>   |  |
| CS606 Intro to Clinical Practice I (2)<br>CS607 Intro to Clinical Practice II (2)<br>CS706 Clinical Practice I (2)<br>CS707 Clinical Practice II (2)<br>CS806 Advanced Clinical Practice (2)  |  |
| <b>III. Assessment Competencies: 12 credits</b>   |  |
| PA601 Cognitive Assessment (3)<br>PA602 Personality Assessment (3)<br>PA801 Advanced Integrated Assessment: Adult (3) <b>or</b> PA802 Advanced Integrated Assessment: Child (3)<br>Specialized Assessment Elective (one required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NP601 Neuropsychological Assessment (3)</li> <li>• MH625 Forensic Assessment (3)</li> <li>• PM625 Projective Methods in Psychological Assessment (3)</li> <li>• PA604 Psychological Assessment of Childhood and Adolescent Disorders (3)</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>IV. Intervention Competencies: 11 credits</b>  |  |
| SB700 Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (2)<br>BX701 Adult CBT Theory and Practice (3) <b>or</b> BX702 Child/Adolescent CBT Theory and Practice (3)<br>FX701 Family Systems Theory and Practice (3)<br>PT701 Contemporary Psychodynamic Theory and Practice (3)  |  |
| <b>V. Research Competencies: 11 credits</b>   |  |
| RS501 Introduction to Psychological Research (2)<br>RS526 Statistics (3)<br>RS525 Research<br>RS535 Research<br>PA603 Psychometrics (2)   |  |
| <b>VI. Advanced Competency Courses: 8 credits</b>   |  |
| ST850 Leadership and Management of Systems (2)<br>PD850 Program Development and Evaluation (2)<br>SU900 Supervision (2)<br>CN900 Consultation (2)   |  |
| <b>VII. Dissertation: 10 credits</b>  |  |
| PR800/801 & PR 901/904 Dissertation I-IV sequence (10)  |  |
| <b>VIII. Field Education: 34 credits</b>  |  |
| FP630/635 & FP750/755 Practicum I & II (12)<br>FP830/835 Advanced Practicum I (10)  |  |
| <b>APA-Internship Track</b>   | <b>WJC Consortium Internship Track</b> |
| FP850/855 Advanced Practicum II (10)  | FP940/945 Clinical Internship I (6)    |
| FP960/965 APA Internship year (2)   | FP950/955 Clinical Internship II (6)   |
| <b>IX. Electives: 12 credits</b>  |  |
| <b>Total Credits for Degree: 134</b>  |  |

## Curriculum Map

| Fall Year 1                               |           | Spring Year 1                                 |           | Summer Year 1                  |            |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>CS606 Intro to Clinical Practice I</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>CS607 Intro to Clinical Practice II</b>    | <b>2</b>  | PS603 Social Bases**           | 3          |
| PA601 Cognitive Assessment*               | 3         | LS659 Lifespan Development**                  | 3         | CC522 Diversity**              | 3          |
| PY521 Psychopathology: Child*             | 3         | PY522 Psychopathology: Adult*                 | 3         |                                |            |
| PS600 History and Systems**               | 2         | NP550 Functional Neuroanatomy                 | 3         |                                |            |
| <b>RS501 Intro to Psych Research</b>      | <b>2</b>  | RS526 Statistics*                             | 3         |                                |            |
| <b>FP630 Practicum I</b>                  | <b>3</b>  | <b>FP635 Practicum I</b>                      | <b>3</b>  |                                |            |
| Total Credits                             | 15        | Total Credits                                 | 17        | Total Credits                  | 6          |
| Fall Year 2                               |           | Spring Year 2                                 |           | Summer Year 2                  |            |
| <b>CS706 Clinical Practice I</b>          | <b>2</b>  | <b>CS707 Clinical Practice II</b>             | <b>2</b>  | FX701 Fam Sys Theory/Prac*     | 3          |
| <b>RS525 Research</b>                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>RS535 Research</b>                         | <b>2</b>  | SB700 Tx of Subs Use Disorders | 2          |
| Specialized Assessment                    | 3         | BX701/702 Adult/Child CBT Theory/Prac*        | 3         |                                |            |
| PT701 Psychodynamic Theory/Prac           | 3         | PA801/802 Adv Integrated Assess: Adult/Child* | 3         |                                |            |
| PA602 Personality Assessment*             | 3         | PS801 Ethics*                                 | 3         |                                |            |
| <b>FP750 Practicum II</b>                 | <b>3</b>  | <b>FP755 Practicum II</b>                     | <b>3</b>  |                                |            |
| Total Credits                             | 16        | Total Credits                                 | 16        | Total Credits                  | 5          |
| Fall Year 3                               |           | Spring Year 3                                 |           | Summer Year 3                  |            |
| Elective                                  | 2         | CS806 Advanced Clinical Practice*             | 2         | Elective                       | 3          |
| CA601 Cognitive and Affective Bases       | 3         | PD850 Program Dev/Eval                        | 2         | Elective                       | 2          |
| ST850 Leadership/Mgmt of Sys              | 2         | PA603 Psychometrics*                          | 2         |                                |            |
| <b>PR800 Dissertation I</b>               | <b>1</b>  | <b>PR801 Dissertation II</b>                  | <b>2</b>  |                                |            |
| <b>FP830 Advanced Practicum I</b>         | <b>5</b>  | <b>FP835 Advanced Practicum I</b>             | <b>5</b>  |                                |            |
| Total Credits                             | 13        | Total Credits                                 | 13        | Total Credits                  | 5          |
| Fall Year 4                               |           | Spring Year 4                                 |           |                                |            |
| CN900 Consultation*                       | 2         | SU900 Supervision*                            | 2         |                                |            |
| Elective                                  | 3         | Elective                                      | 2         |                                |            |
| <b>PR901 Dissertation III</b>             | <b>3</b>  | <b>PR904 Dissertation IV</b>                  | <b>4</b>  |                                |            |
| <b>FP850 Advanced Practicum II or</b>     | <b>5</b>  | <b>FP855 Advanced Practicum II or</b>         | <b>5</b>  |                                |            |
| <b>FP940 Clinical Internship I</b>        | <b>3</b>  | <b>FP945 Clinical Internship I</b>            | <b>3</b>  |                                |            |
| Total Credits                             | 13/<br>11 | Total Credits                                 | 13/<br>11 |                                |            |
| Fall Year 5                               |           | Spring Year 5                                 |           |                                |            |
| <b>FP960 Internship or</b>                | <b>1</b>  | <b>FP965 Internship</b>                       | <b>1</b>  |                                |            |
| <b>FP950 Clinical Internship II</b>       | <b>3</b>  | <b>FP955 Clinical Internship II</b>           | <b>3</b>  |                                |            |
| Total Credits                             | 1/3       | Total Credits                                 | 1/3       | <b>Total Credits</b>           | <b>134</b> |

**KEY:****BOLD – Must be taken during the semester listed**

\* Required during that year in the program

\*\* Required in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year

## Notes:

1. Electives in Year I are unusual, but some concentrations that start in Year I (CFAR, LMHP, etc.) may require a student to postpone a foundational course to fit in a concentration requirement in Year I or early in Year II. Discuss interest in concentrations early with advisors.
2. PA602, Personality Assessment
  - a. Intended as a Year II course, can be taken as early as Summer Year I
  - b. PA601, Cognitive Assessment, and PY522, Adult Psychopathology, are pre-requisites
3. Specialized Assessment:
  - a. PA601, Cognitive Assessment, is pre-requisite
  - b. Students are to choose one (1) of the following:
    - i. PM625, Projective Methods
    - ii. NP601, Neuropsychological Assessment
    - iii. MH625, Forensic Assessment
    - iv. PA604, Psychological Assessment of Childhood and Adolescence
  - c. The first one taken of this group will meet degree requirement; any or all can be taken and will count as electives
4. PA603, Psychometrics
  - a. RS526, Statistics, is a pre-requisite
5. NP550 is required (BL622 is no longer an option, effective spring 2021)

**B. Credit Requirements for students who entered between 2015 and 2018**

(For prior entering classes, refer to the Registrar's Degree Audit for requirements specific to the year of entry by logging in to your CNS account)

74 required course credits

16 elective course credits

10 doctoral project credits

34 field placement credits**134—total credit accumulation****First Year Students**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| CP500     | Fundamental Clinical Practice Skills (one week orientation immediately prior to the fall term). |
| PS600     | History and Systems (fall)  |
| PS603     | Social Bases of Behavior: Foundations of Psychology II (spring)                                 |
| LS659     | Lifespan Development (fall or spring)   |
| PA601     | Cognitive Assessment (fall)   |
| RS526     | Statistics (fall or spring)   |
| CC522     | Diversity and Cross-Cultural Psychology (fall, spring or summer)                                |
| PY521     | Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence (fall, spring or summer)                           |
| PY522     | Adult Psychopathology (fall, spring or summer)  |
| CS600/605 | Clinical Seminar I (fall & spring semesters)  |



FP630/635 Clinical Practicum I (fall & spring semesters)  
Additional Required Course or Elective

Entering students may register for a maximum of five courses in addition to Field Placement for the first term. With advisor approval, first year students may add an additional academic course during the spring term bringing spring enrollment to a maximum of six courses in addition to field placement.

### **Second Year Students**

BX500 Learning Theory  
PT700 Psychodynamic Theory  
PA602 Personality Assessment  
PA603 Psychometrics  
FX515 Family and Systems Theory  
HU520 Humanistic Theory  
RS525/535 Research (fall & spring semesters)  
CS700/705 Clinical Seminar II (fall & spring semesters)  
FP750/755 Clinical Practicum II (fall & spring semesters)  
Additional Required Course or Electives

### **Third Year Students**

CA601 Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior  
PA617/618 Integrated Assessment: Adult/Child  
ST810 System Theory and Practice: Psychological Interventions in the Community  
PS801 Ethics, Standards and Professional Practice  
PR800/801 Dissertation I /II (fall & spring semesters)  
FP830/835 Advanced Clinical Practicum I (fall & spring semesters)  
  
Additional Required Clinical Practice courses (fall & spring semesters)  
Additional Electives

\*\* Students are required to take two (2) Clinical Practice courses which may be taken in the 3rd or 4th year of the program.

### **Fourth Year Students**

CS900/905 Clinical Seminar IV: Theory and Practice of Supervision and Consultation (fall & spring semesters)  
PR901/904 Dissertation III/IV (fall & spring semesters)

#### National APA-Internship Track

FP850/855 Advanced Clinical Practicum II

#### WJC APA Consortium Internship Track

FP940/945 Clinical Internship I

### **Fifth Year Students**

APA Internship Track

FP960/965 Internship

Consortium Internship Track

FP950/955 Clinical Internship II

Any additional required courses or electives

Students who have not completed the doctoral project by the end of year four must enroll in Continuing Dissertation, PR950 or PR951.

### **Additional Course Requirements**

All students are required to take courses in the following four areas (some concentrations require a specific course):

- a) Biological Bases of Behavior  
NP550, Functional Neuroanatomy (3 credits)
- b) Psychological Measurement  
Specialized Assessment:  
MH625, Adult Forensic Assessment (3 credits) OR  
NP601 Neuropsychological Assessment (3 credits) OR  
PM625, Projective Methods in Psychological Assessment (3 credits) OR  
PA604, Psychological Assessment of Childhood and Adolescence
- c) Clinical Practice Courses (minimum of 4 credits required)  
CX630, Clinical Practice of Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment of Child and Adolescent Disorders OR  
BX700, Clinical Practice of Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (2 credits)  
FX615, Clinical Practice of Family and Systems Therapy (2 credits)  
PT800, Clinical Practice of Psychodynamic Therapy (2 credits)

### **C. Electives**

The elective component of the curriculum enables students to pursue their individual areas of interest. WJC considers students' individualized concentrations to be elective rather than specialized in nature because a substantial part of a psychologist's specialized training must occur in post-doctoral continuing education. Thus the curriculum is designed to provide a broad base of psychological knowledge, skill, and applied experience as a foundation for responsible professional preparedness. Concentration tracks within the doctoral program provide opportunities for focal study within the same broad range of foundational training and education. When particular curricular offerings are not currently available at WJC, students may arrange for Directed Studies.

\*\*Students are encouraged to explore cross-enrolled opportunities in other educational departments, provided the courses are offered in traditional format (no online or blended courses), and the instructor holds a doctoral-level degree. Selections must be approved by the Chair of the Clinical Department.

### **D. Summer Courses**

WJC offers summer courses to facilitate the student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Course offerings may vary from year to year. Students who have been accepted to the program in March as

entering first year students are not eligible to take courses at WJC during the summer prior to fall matriculation. Students who have been accepted with Advanced Standing status are strongly encouraged to matriculate for the summer term following the acceptance of an offer of admission.

## **E. Directed Studies**

Directed Studies are coordinated by the Office of the Registrar. Please reference the Registrar's page of the WJC website for information on policies, procedures, and forms:  
<http://www.williamjames.edu/academics/registrar/directed-studies.php>

All Directed Studies must be approved by the Department Chair.

## **F. Advanced Standing**

Advanced Standing is a formal status granted to newly matriculated students in a William James College PsyD program who enter with a previously completed master's degree in psychology or counseling that meets eligibility requirements. Students with Advanced Standing status enter the doctoral program with a concomitant reduction in the overall minimum number of credits required for the degree.

Students admitted with Advanced Standing have the first year practicum waived (credits must be replaced with other coursework) and are eligible for up to 26 transfer-of-credit hours for external Advanced Standing and up to 30 transfer-of-credit hours for internal Advanced Standing from our Masters of Arts programs. The department chair and/or their staff designate will determine precisely how previously completed coursework will apply toward the PsyD curriculum requirements. The determination of acceptable course for transfer is based on our transfer of credit (TOC) policy (see section G below). Such courses will be entered on our transcript as transfer of credit. Students will then be responsible for satisfying all remaining components of our doctoral degree curriculum.

### **Eligibility and Maintenance of Advanced Standing status**

To be eligible for Advanced Standing, the applicant's master's degree must have been granted by a regionally accredited institution, must have 60 or more credit hours documented on the transcript (which include 3 or more required core curriculum courses for the doctoral degree), and must have required supervised field experience effectively equivalent to our first year practicum requirement (640 hours or more). Only courses taught by faculty with doctoral-level degrees are eligible for transfer of credit toward our PsyD degree. Also, please note that some master's degrees are not eligible for Advanced Standing status. These include (a) master's degrees in social work (MSW), (b) master's degrees completed online or in blended (online + classroom) format, and, (c) master's degrees conferred more than seven years prior to your matriculation date at William James College.

Eligibility will be determined by individual review of a student's records, an admissions interview, and direct contact, as needed, with prior advisors and supervisors at the academic program and field sites identified in a student's application. Only students with demonstrated excellence in their prior program(s) will be granted Advanced Standing.

Maintaining Advanced Standing status will be contingent upon establishing a record of academic achievement and good academic standing throughout the first year of our Clinical Doctoral Program. Students admitted with Advanced Standing must matriculate as full-time students and complete at least four years in the

Doctoral Program at William James College. Program completion may extend beyond the four years of matriculation and must be completed within 7 years (to include the one year Advanced Standing equivalence.) Students admitted with Advanced Standing Status are not eligible to receive the en route Master's Degree in Professional Psychology offered in the Clinical Doctoral Program.

### **Application for Advanced Standing**

Request for Advanced Standing status is made at the time of application by completing the Advanced Standing section of the admissions application. If an interview is granted, applicants for Advanced Standing are asked to submit digital and/or printed copies of all MA-program course syllabi and an official MA-program transcript (if not already received) either in advance of the interview date or delivered on the day of the interview. If the applicant is offered admission, the department Chair and/or their faculty and staff designates will communicate to the applicant whether Advanced Standing status is granted and a list of courses that can be accepted for transfer. All syllabi and transcript materials must be received by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the student to receive a report of Advanced Standing status prior to the uniform Acceptance Day (April 15<sup>th</sup>). Any students entering after the uniform acceptance date must submit all syllabi and transcript materials at the interview or no later than 2 weeks from the interview day. Advanced Standing status will not be granted after this two-week period.

## **G. Transfer of Credit (TOC)**

Students admitted to the Doctoral Program may apply for Transfer of Credit (see Student Academic Policies and Procedures – Transfer of Credit in the [Graduate Student Handbook](#)).

### **Courses for which a student seeks transfer credit must:**

1. have been taken at a regionally accredited institution
2. have been taken at the graduate level
3. have been taught by faculty instructors who have obtained Doctoral Degrees in a mental health related field
4. have been taken within 7 years of the student's date of matriculation at WJC
5. have received a grade of B or better
6. meet the Discipline-Specific Knowledge or Profession-Wide Competency required content mastery assigned to the course in our curriculum
7. have been taken in-person or in a blended format, NOT fully online\*

\*NOTE: Although it remains the Clinical PsyD program's policy to not accept graduate-level courses taken online for transfer of credit, this policy may be waived for courses taken during the spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021 semesters during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Limitations**

1. A maximum of 2 credits will be given for each course accepted for transfer (with the exception of those courses designated as equivalent to WJC 3 credit courses on transcript and syllabus review).
2. Transfer credit is limited to a maximum of 12 credits. This Policy is automatically waived for those students who are admitted to WJC with Advanced Standing, or other special admission status.
3. Transfer credit is limited to a combination of elective and required courses.
4. The following WJC Clinical Doctoral Program requirements cannot be met via transfer of credit:
  - CS706/CS707 – Clinical Practice I/II
  - CS900/CS905 – Clinical Seminar IV: Theory and Practice of Supervision and Consultation
  - PS801 – Ethics, Standards and Professional Practice

- Field Placement
- PR800/PR801/PR901/PR904 – Dissertation
- RS525/RS535 – Research

### Transfer of Credit Procedure

1. Students must submit a Transfer of Credit Petition (<http://download.williamjames.edu/registrarforms/transfer-of-credit-petition-form.pdf>), and syllabi for each course to be considered for Transfer of Credit.
2. An Official Transcript from the institution at which the course was taken will be required if one is not on file at WJC.
3. Transfer of Credit requests must be submitted to Eileen O'Donnell, Enrollment and Program Manager, Clinical Psychology Department by May 30 of the year prior to matriculation. Requests will be evaluated in conjunction with appropriate Administrative and academic consultation.
4. Establishment of transfer of credit equivalence may require faculty review.

### Courses previously taken at WJC

For students who have successfully completed WJC courses on a non-matriculated basis:

1. If taken within 7 years of matriculation, these courses will automatically be applied toward the PsyD degree (unless the student requests otherwise).
2. A grade of “B” or higher must have been earned in the course.
3. Incomplete courses will not be transferred into the Clinical Doctoral Program and will not be considered if course completion occurs after program matriculation.
4. WJC courses (at a maximum of 4 courses) taken prior to matriculation are included in and subject to the 12 Credit maximum for transfer of credit.

### Courses taken elsewhere while the student is enrolled at WJC

1. Courses taken at other accredited institutions while a student is enrolled at WJC will be eligible for transfer credit subject to the same rules as courses taken prior to matriculation at WJC.
2. Students must obtain prior approval of such courses for transfer of credit from their advisor and from the Registrar in accordance with the procedures outlined above.
3. An official transcript must be submitted after completion of the course.
4. Such courses will be included in the 12 credit maximum allowable for Transfer of Credit.

## H. Retaining Diverse Student Leaders Scholarship

The Clinical Psychology Department's (Clinical PsyD) **Retaining Diverse Student Leaders Scholarship** recognizes the achievements and promise of students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are **(1) first-generation college students, or (2) members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education, including clinical psychology.** To be awarded the scholarship, students must (1) be in their **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year of study**, (2) demonstrate **strong academic performance**, and (3) **leadership** at William James College and within the field. The \$5000 award is renewable annually, for up to 3 consecutive years, subject to the awardee's continued satisfactory academic progress, and fulfillment of responsibilities (described below). This scholarship is awarded to 1 student each year.

The *objectives* of the scholarship are:

1. To retain students from diverse backgrounds in the Clinical PsyD program.
2. To provide financial support to enable students to complete the Clinical PsyD program.

### Eligibility:

*Awardee demonstrates*

- Evidence of exceptional and innovative leadership activities
- Commitment to advocacy of groups underserved in the field of psychology
- Courage of conviction and determination in pursuit of career goals

*Awardee must*

- Be matriculated full-time at William James College while receiving the scholarship
- Demonstrate consistent good academic standing each semester
- Demonstrate of financial need (determined by FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. legal resident

**Selection Process:** Faculty members will nominate competitive students to Dr. Stacey Lambert.

**Awardee Responsibilities:**

- Maintain good academic standing
- Full participation in activities including:
  - Attendance at Clinical PsyD career fairs, open houses, community events, etc.
  - Representation at William James College fundraisers (e.g., Gala, etc.)
  - Contact for prospective students

**Deadline:** Faculty nominations must be submitted by **July 25<sup>th</sup> each year** for scholarships to be disbursed in the fall semester.

## **I. Concentrations**

Several areas of concentration have been identified within the Doctoral Program (described below).

For the following college-wide concentrations, please refer to the Cross-Departmental Concentrations Handbook located Academic Affairs page of the WJC website:

1. African and Caribbean Mental Health
2. Asian Mental Health
3. Children and Families of Adversity and Resilience (CFAR)
4. Global Mental Health
5. Latino Mental Health Program
6. LGBTQIA+ Studies
7. Military and Veterans Psychology

Concentrations in the Clinical Department only are as follows:

1. Clinical Health Psychology
2. Forensic Psychology
3. Geropsychology
4. Neuropsychology

### **1. CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

Clinical health psychology is an exciting and constantly evolving area within the field of clinical psychology. Those with expertise in health psychology may provide care in a range of capacities including: providing psychotherapy to individuals and families experiencing serious medical illness (e.g., heart disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS), helping individuals prevent illness by reducing health risk behaviors (e.g., smoking), helping individuals maintain and improve health by

adopting positive health behaviors (e.g., meditation, exercise, medication compliance), helping individuals learn cognitive and behavioral strategies for coping with chronic pain, contributing to the rehabilitation of individuals recovering from serious illness or injury, and treating psychological disorders that impact health (e.g., alcohol abuse, eating disorders). Clinical health psychologists also work with pediatric populations to address issues such as childhood obesity, pediatric asthma and juvenile diabetes. Increasingly, health psychologists play a key role at medical centers that have adopted an integrated primary care model; at these centers, psychologists provide behavioral health services as members of the healthcare team alongside medical healthcare providers.

The WJC Concentration in Clinical Health Psychology provides students with the background and training needed to pursue the many opportunities available within the field of clinical health psychology. The required coursework provides students with a thorough understanding of theories of health behavior and health behavior change, the impact of psychosocial factors—such as stress—on health and illness, the influence of culture on health, promoting resiliencies from a strength-based perspective, and empirically supported strategies for promoting health and reducing illness. Coursework is supported by experiential learning at field sites with a health psychology focus. Through a combination of course work and field placements, students gain a deeper understanding of the issues faced by specific medical populations (and best practices for addressing those issues) and the many systems-level and population-level factors that impact health and healthcare. Students develop clinical skills in assessment and intervention as well as the professional practice skills of multi-disciplinary collaboration, consultation and advocacy. Students emerge from the concentration specially trained to function as part of an integrative medical care team.

Students in the Clinical Health Psychology concentration are required to take a sequence of three courses focused on clinical health psychology, a Clinical Practice in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy course, and one elective relevant to clinical health psychology (see list below). In addition, students are required to complete at least one advanced practicum in health psychology (though completing two is strongly recommended) and make every effort to obtain a pre-doctoral internship that includes health psychology training. (Although a health psychology-focused internship is *strongly recommended* for those intending to pursue a career in clinical health psychology, it is not required for the concentration given the difficulty of guaranteeing a match at a health psychology site through the APPIC match system.) Finally, students in the Clinical Health Psychology Concentration will conduct a dissertation on a topic relevant to health psychology. Additional information on concentration requirements is outlined below.

### **Enrollment Process**

Students interested in the Clinical Health Psychology concentration are asked to contact the Concentration Director (Carolyn Rabin, PhD: [Carolyn\\_Rabin@williamjames.edu](mailto:Carolyn_Rabin@williamjames.edu)) before applying for enrollment in the track. **In order to meet program requirements, students must declare their interest in the track by October 1<sup>st</sup> of their second year of the program (Advanced standing students must declare their interest no later October 1<sup>st</sup> of their first year.)** This will allow students accepted to the concentration to apply for a health psychology-focused advanced practicum for Year 3. Students must fill out the Declaration of Concentration form and submit it to Eileen O'Donnell, Enrollment and Program Manager, Clinical Psychology Department.

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Concentration Core Courses (6 credits):**

- HP530 – Theoretical Foundations in Clinical Health Psychology (2 credits)
- HP541 – Applications in Clinical Health Psychology (2 credits)
- HP550 – Advanced Topics in Clinical Health Psychology (2 credit)

#### **Clinical Practice Course (2 credits): Only required for student enrolled prior to 2019**

- BX700 – Clinical Practice of Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (2 credits) or
- CX630 – Clinical Practice of Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment of Child & Adolescent Disorders (2 credits)

**Elective Course: Students enrolled prior to 2019 must choose ONE of the following (2 or 3 credits)**

- GE500 – Geropsychology (2 credits)
- HS520 – Human Sexuality (2 credits)
- NP530 – Functional Neuroanatomy and Neuropathology or NP550, Functional Neuroanatomy (3 credits)\*
- NP630 – Cognitive Rehabilitation (2 credits)
- PS602 – Pediatric Psychology (2 credits)
- SB700 – Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (2 credits)
- Others as approved by the Clinical Health Psychology Concentration Director

\*Note: NP530 or NP550 can be used to fulfill the Biological Bases of Behavior requirement

**Elective Course: Students enrolled in 2019 or after must choose ONE of the following (1 or 2 credits)**

- GE500 – Geropsychology (2 credits)
- PS602 – Pediatric Psychology (2 credits)
- HS520 – Human Sexuality (2 credits)
- NP630 – Cognitive Rehabilitation (2 credits)
- NP650 – Neuropsychology of Aging (2 credits)
- MV522 – Substance Abuse and Addictions in Military and Veteran Communities (1 credit)
- Others as approved by the Health Psychology Concentration Director

**Note:** Students enrolled in 2019 or after who are pursuing a double concentration should fulfill the health psychology elective requirement with a course that also satisfies a requirement for the other concentration/emphasis; if this is not possible, the student may ask the Health Psychology Concentration Director to waive the elective course requirement.

**Field Education Requirements**

Year 3 – FP830/835, Advanced Clinical Practicum I - Health Psychology focus AND/OR

Year 4 – FP850/855, Advanced Clinical Practicum II or FP940/945, Consortium Track - Health Psychology focus

Year 5 – FP960/965, APA Internship or FP950/955, Consortium - Health Psychology focus strongly recommended

**Dissertation Requirements**

Students are required to complete a dissertation in an area related to health psychology and under the supervision of one of the health psychology faculty. Each dissertation topic must be approved by the Clinical Health Psychology Concentration Director.

Upon completion of all requirements, the student will receive a Certificate of Completion in Clinical Health Psychology.

**Faculty**

The following faculty have interests within Health Psychology and may be invited to chair or be a second member on your doctoral committee:

Carolyn Rabin, PhD, Concentration Director

Stanley Berman, PhD

Allyson Cherkasky, PhD

Katherine King, PsyD

Brian Ott, PhD

Marta Pagán-Ortiz, PhD

Emma Peterson, PhD



## **2. FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

William James College (WJC) provides an opportunity for students in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program to pursue a concentration in Forensic Psychology. The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS; Division 41 of the American Psychological Association) defines forensic psychology as “all professional practice by any psychologist working within any sub-discipline of psychology . . . when the intended purpose of the service is to apply the scientific, technical, or specialized knowledge of psychology to the law and to use that knowledge to assist in solving legal, contractual, and administrative problems.”

The forensic psychology concentration seeks to expand upon the general clinical knowledge and training that students receive at WJC, by further providing specialized knowledge and training in areas such as civil matters (e.g., divorce child custody evaluations; lawsuits involving employment, personal injury, discrimination, professional malpractice, child protection cases, involuntary civil commitment, etc.) and criminal matters (e.g., capacity to waive Miranda rights, competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid in sentencing, parole hearings, transfer of juveniles to adult criminal court, violence risk assessment, etc.). Opportunities are provided for education and training in the areas of threat assessment, correctional and police psychology, and sex offender treatment and evaluation.

### **Enrollment Process**

The doctoral Forensic Psychology concentration is open to Clinical Psychology Students. There is a yearly internal info-session scheduled during the fall semester that provides students with an overview of the FP concentration and the declaration process.

Qualified applicants will have resolved any incomplete grades and have maintained a consistent record of good academic standing. Applications begin in the **fall of year 2 (or year 1 for advanced standing students)** with the understanding that the student will be seeking forensically-related field education training in their third year.

To enroll, students must complete the Concentration Declaration Form (from the Registrar's Office page at <https://www.williamjames.edu/academics/registrar/forms.cfm>) and submit it to Eileen O'Donnell, Enrollment and Program Manager, Clinical Psychology Department. The student must schedule a meeting with the Concentration Director to review Concentration expectations and develop an individualized sequencing for Concentration completion. In order to be accepted into the concentration, students must demonstrate a consistent record of good academic standing. Students who are placed on academic or social probation after being accepted to the concentration may be removed.

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Required Concentration Courses (9 credits)**

- MH520 – Law and Mental Health (2 credits)
- MH512 – Children, Families and the Law (2 credits)
- MH513 – Adult Forensic Psychology (2 credits)
- MH625 – Forensic Assessment (3 credits) (pre-requisite MH513 OR MH520)

#### **Concentration Co-requisites**

- SB700 – Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (2 credits)

#### **Additional Optional Electives**

- MH515 – Advanced Topics in Forensic Psychology (2 credits)
- MH630 – Police Psychology (2 credits) (prior to fall 2021)
- FS601 – Sex Offender Evaluation and Treatment (3 credits)
- Others as approved by the Forensic Concentration Director

**Field Education Requirements**

In their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year, students must secure an advanced practicum site related to forensic work. Pre-doctoral advanced practicum sites include outpatient treatment clinics, child, adolescent or adult treatment facilities, court clinics, forensic hospital units or hospital units with forensic beds, correctional facilities, legal advocacy agencies, forensic residential treatment facilities, among others. Students will gain experience in assessment, evaluation, testing and treatment methods that will prepare them to work with diverse forensic populations. While only one forensic placement is required, students may also choose to complete a second forensic placement after consultation with the concentration director.

**Dissertation Requirements**

Students accepted into the Forensic Psychology concentration are required to complete a Dissertation. The Dissertation need not be germane to the specialty field of Forensic Psychology.

**Additional Requirements**

Students in the Forensic Psychology concentration are strongly encouraged to present research or theoretical contributions at a forensic psychology professional conference.

Upon completion of all clinical doctoral program and forensic psychology concentration requirements, the student will be acknowledged and receive a Certificate of Completion in Forensic Psychology at graduation.

**Faculty**

Joseph Toomey, PhD, Concentration Co-Director  
 Tracy Fass, JD, PhD, Concentration Co-Director  
 Terrie Burda, PsyD  
 Lindsey Davis, PhD

Shannon Kelley, PhD  
 Robert Kinscherff, PhD, JD  
 Jessica Greenwald O’Brien, PhD  
 Kimberly Larson, JD, PhD

**Recommended Sequence**

| <b>Program Year</b> | <b>Courses</b>   | <b>Field Placement</b>                    | <b>Notes</b>  |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Year 1              | No Required Courses<br><i>If schedule allows, MH520 – Law and Mental Health (spring)</i>   | General site (Adult or Pediatric)         | Students should strongly consider and discuss with their advisor seeking a field placement in a setting with a crisis evaluation component, or an inpatient setting.  |
| Year 2              | MH513 Adult Forensic Psychology (spring)<br>SB700 Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (spring or summer)  | General site (Adult or Pediatric)         | Preferably, students should acquire a field placement in a setting with a crisis evaluation component, an inpatient setting, and/or a setting offering comprehensive psychological testing for year two.                      |
| Year 3              | MH512 – Children, Families and the Law (fall)<br>MH520 – Law and Mental Health (spring); <i>if not taken in year one</i><br>MH625 – Adult Forensic Assessment (spring) | Forensic-approved advanced practicum site | Options for electives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLI MH515 Advanced Topics in Forensic Psychology</li> <li>• CLI MH630 Police Psychology</li> <li>• CLI FS601 Sex Offender Evaluation and Treatment</li> </ul> |
| Year 4              | No Required Courses  | Forensic-approved                         |   |

|        |                |  |  |
|--------|----------------|--|--|
|        |                | advanced<br>practicum site (if<br>not acquired in<br>year 3) |  |
| Year 5 | APA Internship | General site<br>(Adult or<br>Pediatric)                      |  |

### 3. NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Clinical Neuropsychology is a recognized specialty area within the field of psychology that focuses on the applied science of brain-behavior relationships. Utilizing a thorough understanding of how various internal and external factors impact brain functioning, clinical neuropsychologists evaluate and treat individuals across the lifespan with a variety of known or suspected neurological, medical, neurodevelopmental, and psychiatric problems. It is one of the fastest growing specialty areas within the field of psychology, with opportunities available across multiple settings and populations.

William James College offers a pre-doctoral concentration in Neuropsychology that provides students with a breadth of experience, knowledge and skills to meet the demands of this exciting specialty field. This concentration is in compliance with the Houston conference guidelines for training students in neuropsychology and is meant to fulfill eventual coursework requirements for board certification in clinical neuropsychology (i.e., ABPP-CN).

#### Enrollment Process

Interested students should speak with their advisor and the Concentration Director, Jason Osher, PhD ([Jason.Osher@williamjames.edu](mailto:Jason.Osher@williamjames.edu)). Specific requirements for admission into the concentration are as follows:

- Completion of NP550 (Functional Neuroanatomy) with a grade no lower than a B.
- Completion of PA601 (Cognitive Assessment) with a grade no lower than a B.
- Submit year 2 initial practicum evaluation
- Submit letter of support from academic advisor

Qualified applicants will have resolved any incomplete grades and have maintained a consistent record of good academic standing. Students can formally apply for entry into the concentration once they have completed all of the admission requirements listed above. Applications typically begin at the start of the **spring semester of year two (or year one for advanced standing students)**. *First year students should keep in mind that, as part of the concentration, it is expected that they will seek a neuropsychology-focused placement for their second year.* Students may be able to enter the concentration in their third year at the discretion of the concentration director. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To enroll, students must complete the Concentration Declaration Form (from the Registrar's Office page at <https://www.williamjames.edu/academics/registrar/forms.cfm>) and submit it to the concentration director, Dr. Jason Osher. The student must schedule a meeting with the Concentration Director to review Concentration expectations and develop an individualized sequencing for Concentration completion. In order to be accepted into the concentration, students must demonstrate a consistent record of good academic standing. Students who are placed on academic or social probation after being accepted to the concentration may be removed.

## Course Requirements

### **Required Prerequisite Courses:**

- NP550 – Functional Neuroanatomy (3 credits)
- PA601 – Cognitive Assessment (3 credits)

### **Required Core Courses:**

- NP570 – Fundamentals of Neuropsychological Assessment (2 credits)
- NP601 – Neuropsychological Assessment (3 credits)
- NP670 – Neuropathology (2 credits)
- NP701 – Advanced Neuropsychological Case Conceptualization (2 credits)

### **Recommended Elective Courses (optional):**

- NP650 – Neuropsychology of Aging (2 credits)\*
- PA604 – Psychological Assessment of Child and Adolescent Disorders (3 credits)\*\*
- NP630 – Cognitive Rehabilitation (2 credits)
- HP530 – Theoretical Foundations in Clinical Health Psychology (2 credits)
- PH521 – Psychopharmacology (2 credits)
- GE500 – Geropsychology (2 credits)

\* Strongly recommended for students pursuing an adult/geriatric neuropsychology focus

\*\* Strongly recommended for students pursuing a pediatric neuropsychology focus

## Field Education Requirements

Minimum of 2 placements (3 recommended) will be at neuropsychology-approved sites, one at the practicum level and one at the advanced practicum level. Training at the practicum level should focus on developing the foundational skills in neuropsychological assessment (e.g., test administration and scoring). Training at the advanced practicum level should occur at a site where at least 51% of the training experience will be in Neuropsychology and should focus on advanced skills in neuropsychological evaluation (e.g., case formulation, report writing). Sites approved for the concentration can be found in SSIG under the WJC Approved Neuropsychology Site search option.

A fifth year APA internship at a site where the majority of the training experience will be in Neuropsychology is ***strongly recommended***. The WJC Internship Consortium does offer neuropsychology training options should students want to pursue those. They include:

- Neuropsychological Assessment Clinic – Lifespan experience with a variety of conditions
- Beacon Assessment Center – Pediatric-focused experience, primarily with Autism Spectrum disorders

## Dissertation Requirements

It is ***recommended (but not required)*** that students completing the Neuropsychology concentration complete a dissertation germane to the specialty field of Neuropsychology. It is also ***recommended (but not required)*** that one of their dissertation committee members be a neuropsychologist or a psychologist specializing in assessment (from within or outside of WJC).

## Additional Requirements

All Neuropsychology students in their second and third years are required to attend special meetings, largely didactic presentations and case presentations, scheduled once to twice per semester. Students in the Neuropsychology concentration are strongly encouraged to present research or theoretical contributions at a neuropsychology professional conference.

Upon completion of all clinical doctoral program and neuropsychology concentration requirements, the student will be acknowledged and receive a Certificate of Completion in Neuropsychology at graduation.

**Faculty**

Jason Osher, PhD, Concentration Director  
 Tyler Zink, PhD, ABPP

**Recommended Sequence**

| <b>Program Year</b> | <b>Courses</b>   | <b>Field Placement</b>                          | <b>Notes</b>   |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| Year 1              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP550 Functional Neuroanatomy (Fall or Spring)</li> <li>NP570 Fundamentals of Neuropsychological Assessment (Summer)</li> </ul> | General site (Adult or Pediatric)               | NP550 can be taken in either the Fall or Spring term. <i><b>This course serves as a prerequisite for NP570 so it needs to be taken prior to the summer term in order to continue with the neuropsych concentration sequence.</b></i> |
| Year 2              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP601 Neuropsychological Assessment (Fall)</li> </ul>   | Neuropsych-approved practicum site              | NP601 will count towards the specialized assessment requirement in the general Clinical PsyD curriculum.   |
| Year 3              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP670 Neuropathology (Fall)</li> <li>NP701 Advanced Neuropsychological Case Conceptualization (Spring)</li> </ul>               | Neuropsych-approved advanced practicum site     | NP670 and NP701 are intended to be a yearlong sequence so they should be taken in the same academic year.  |
| Year 4              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core courses only if not taken in the prior years</li> </ul>  | Neuropsych or General site (Adult or Pediatric) | Advanced standing students will often need to take NP601 in their 3 <sup>rd</sup> year and NP670 and NP701 in their 4 <sup>th</sup> year.  |

**4. GEROPSYCHOLOGY**

Clinical Geropsychology is an APA recognized specialty area that focuses on the mental health, mental illness, assessment and treatment of older adults. Geropsychology is one of the fastest growing specialty areas within the field of psychology, and those trained in this field can anticipate a broad range of interesting career opportunities.

The WJC pre-doctoral concentration in Geropsychology is designed to encourage and prepare students with an interest in working with older adults; an under-identified and underserved, albeit burgeoning, population. In addition to conducting clinical assessment and psychotherapies, psychologists trained at the doctoral level in Geropsychology can be expected to be recruited to design and implement community and clinical programs, direct departments and clinical centers, and assume a leading role in advocacy and public policy. The Geropsychology concentration offers interested students with a breadth of experience, knowledge and skills to meet the demands of this exciting professional field.

**Enrollment Process**

Interested students should speak with their advisor and the Concentration Director, Katherine King, PsyD. ([Katherine\\_King@williamjames.edu](mailto:Katherine_King@williamjames.edu)).

Students can identify their interest in the concentration upon matriculation or after their first year. Students will be expected to formally apply for entry into the concentration after the first year. Students may be able to enter the concentration after their second year at the discretion of the concentration director.

Once admitted to the concentration, students must maintain good academic standing or they will be withdrawn from the concentration.

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Concentration Core Courses (9 credits)**

- GE500 – Geropsychology (2 credits)
- GE520 – Special Topics in Clinical Geropsychology (2 credits)
- GE540 – Geriatric Psychopharmacology (2 credits)
- 1 additional elective from the Concentration Electives list (below)
- NP530 - Functional Neuroanatomy or NP550 - Functional Neuroanatomy (3 credits) \*\*

\*\*Note: NP530 or NP550 meets general clinical requirements as well as concentration requirements.

#### **Concentration Electives**

- NP650 – Neuropsychology of Aging (2 credits)
- HP530 – Theoretical Foundations in Clinical Health Psychology (2 credits)
- GE550 – End of Life Interventions (2 credits)
- GR530 - Health Management for Older Adults (2 credits) (offered spring semester through Harvard Medical School)

### **Field Education Requirements**

- 1 Geropsychology specific placement
- 1 placement with substantial opportunity for work with older adults

An APA internship at a site where the majority of the training experience will be in Geropsychology is *strongly recommended*.

### **Dissertation Requirements**

Students within the Geropsychology concentration will be required to complete a dissertation in the domain of Geropsychology. The director of the concentration must approve the dissertation topic, and at least one of the dissertation committee members will be an identified geropsychologist.

### **Additional Requirements**

- Community service (focus on older adults)
- Involvement in WJC Gero Volunteer Corps (GVC)
- 2 Continuing Education (CE) programs with Gero-relevant content (at or outside WJC)
- Attendance at 2 Dissertation colloquia with a focus on Geropsychology

### **Faculty**

Katherine King, PsyD, Concentration Director

#### **VI. Field Education**

The integration of coursework with field experience is designed to promote students' professional, intellectual, and personal development and is a hallmark of the professional psychology doctoral program. Great care is taken to ensure that each placement is maximally beneficial to the student through all levels of the program. In keeping with the program's generalist philosophy, all students must complete a practicum working with children or adolescents and a practicum focusing primarily on adults.

## A. General Policy

### 1. Practica, Advanced Practica, and Internship Requirements

#### Practicum Schedule for ALL students in Years I-III:

| Number     | Name                          | Credits | Hours in Field |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| FP 630/635 | Clinical Practicum I          | 3 + 3   | 640            |
| FP 750/755 | Clinical Practicum II         | 3 + 3   | 800            |
| FP 830/835 | Advanced Clinical Practicum I | 5 + 5   | 960            |

#### Advanced Practicum and Internship Schedule OPTIONS for students in Years IV-V:

##### OPTION ONE

##### Student Elects Full-time 5<sup>th</sup> year Internship:

| Number     | Name                           | Credits | Hours in Field          |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| FP 850/855 | Advanced Clinical Practicum II | 5 + 5   | <b>800-960</b>          |
| FP 960/965 | Internship                     | 1 + 1   | <b>2000 (full-time)</b> |
|            | Total for Degree               | 34      | <b>3760-3920</b>        |

##### OPTION TWO

##### Student Elects WJC Consortium Internship:

| Number     | Name                   | Credits | Hours in Field          |
|------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| FP 940/945 | Clinical Internship I  | 3 + 3   | <b>1120 (half-time)</b> |
| FP 950/955 | Clinical Internship II | 3 + 3   | <b>1120 (half-time)</b> |
|            | Total for Degree       | 34      | <b>3200</b>             |

## **2. Internship Readiness**

An APA-Accredited Internship or equivalent is required. Please review detailed policy below in section B. Students must complete all required coursework, the dissertation proposal, and pass the competency examination prior to applying to any full-time internship.

Students may begin the part-time consortium internship with outstanding coursework provided they have successfully completed all required field education work, the dissertation proposal and passed the competency examination.

## **3. Requirements for Field Site Approval**

### **a) Practica**

In order to be approved as a field site, the agency must fulfill the following basic requirements:

- Designate a site Director of Training, who completes a current Willingness to Participate (WTP) form. This provides data about the training experience the site can offer. These must be updated yearly.
- Provide a training experience of 16-18 hours per week for year I practicum; 20-24 hours per week for year 2 practicum. Advisors and the Director(s) of Field Education must approve of any exceptions to this policy. A minimum of 25% and a maximum of 60% of the student's time at the site must involve direct clinical service.
- Provide an orientation to the site: a formal introduction to the agency's system of operations (administratively, organizationally, structurally, policies for safety, emergency management, etc.)
- Provide a minimum of one hour of individual supervision each week. The hour of supervision may be provided by a Licensed Psychologist (HSP), an LMHC, an LMFT, a board-eligible psychiatrist, or a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW).
- Assign a designated Primary Supervisor (on site): this person, a Licensed Psychologist (HSP), an LICSW, an LMFT or an LMHC must take responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the student's program (as opposed to caseload) and for being the site's liaison with the School. This includes completion of a student's initial and final evaluations, attendance at on-site field visits with WJC faculty or representatives, and attendance at the student's A & P Conference(s).
- Negotiate vacation time: students are expected to negotiate vacation time with the appropriate site person. Sites are not necessarily expected to follow an academic schedule in arranging vacation leave and students are likely to be required to be available at their clinical sites during some of the WJC school vacations.

### **b) Advanced Practica**

In order to be approved as a field site, the agency must fulfill the following basic requirements:

- Designate a site Director of Training, who is a licensed psychologist, who complete a current Willingness to participate (WTP) form. This provides data about the training experience the site can offer. These must be updated yearly.
- Designate a Primary Supervisor who is a Licensed Psychologist, Health Service Provider. This professional must take responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the trainee's program ( as opposed to caseload) and for being the site's liaison with the College for this trainee. This includes completion of the trainee's initial and final evaluations, attendance at on-site field visits with WJC faculty or representatives, and attendance at the student's Assessment and Planning



- Conference(s).
- Provide a training experience of 24 hours per week for year 3 (Advanced Practicum I); and 20-24 hours per week for year 4 (Advanced Practicum II).
  - Provide an orientation to the site: a formal introduction to the agency’s system of operations (administratively, organizationally, structurally, policies for safety, emergency management, etc.
  - Provide two hours of individual supervision each week. One hour of supervision must be provided by a Licensed Psychologist who is a Health Service Provider (HSP). The second hour of individual supervision may be provided by a qualifying supervisor: Licensed Psychologist (HSP), a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) or a Board-Certified Psychiatrist.
  - NOTE: At least half of the overall supervision must be provided by a Licensed Psychologist (HSP).
  - NOTE: A qualifying supervisor must be on the premises at all times in which the trainee delivers health services. (Please note that cell phone availability does not meet this requirement.)
  - NOTE: The qualifying supervisor(s) must have full legal, professional, and ethical responsibility for the trainee’s work.
  - Ensure that that student provides services that are within the scope of the education received in the doctoral program.
  - Ensure that at least 50% of the total hours of supervised experience be in “service-related” activities, defined by the Commonwealth as “treatment/intervention, assessment, interviews, report writing, case presentations and consultations”.
  - Negotiate vacation time: students are expected to negotiate vacation time with the appropriate site person. Sites are not necessarily expected to follow an academic schedule in arranging vacation leave and students are likely to be required to be available at their clinical sites during some of the WJC school vacations.

## **B. Internship Policy**

Clinical Psychology doctoral students are required to apply “in good faith” for an APA-accredited (5th year) internship if they are not enrolled in the APA-accredited WJC Consortium internship.

In order for APA-accredited doctoral programs to maintain accreditation, students are expected to obtain APA-accredited internships. In order to maintain the program’s accreditation and to best prepare our students for licensure and employment, the WJC Clinical Psychology program requires all of our clinical PsyD students to seek an APA-accredited internship.

Specifically, working to obtain an APA-accredited internship “in good faith” means successful completion of the WJC APA-internship Prep Class, site list approval by an assigned APA-Prep Class Instructor, and submission of 16 quality applications to APA-accredited internship programs over a geographically diverse area. Students may elect to apply to up to four (4) pre-approved, non-accredited (e.g. APPIC and CAPIC) internships. Students are prohibited from applying to any sites not approved by the WJC Director of Training and must submit a waiver request for each site that is non-accredited. Please note that only internship sites that meet APA Standards of Accreditation will be approved. Non-accredited internship programs must be ranked after all APA-accredited internship options.

Those who are not successful in securing an APA-accredited internship may complete a WJC-approved non-accredited internship. Students who do not wish to be considered for non-accredited internships may apply to only APA-accredited internships with the understanding that additional cycles of applications may be necessary.

“Quality applications” means that the application is approved by the instructor of the APA-internship prep class. “Geographically diverse” means applying across several states and inclusive of both urban and rural areas. Additionally, “diverse applications” means applying to a variety of internship settings.

While WJC considers its training program to be rigorous and extensive, it is not specifically designed to meet every state, regional, or national set of standards for pre-doctoral practicum, advanced practicum and internship requirements. The College provides clarification and clear guidance to students regarding licensure for Massachusetts and Health Service Provider requirements and the requirements of other certifying organizations (e.g., the National Register, ABPP, etc.). Students are expected to inform themselves about such requirements and plan their placements accordingly. In some instances, only careful planning will ensure that the requirements are met. Licensing requirements for all 50 states and Canada are available online and may be reviewed with the Director of Training.

## **C. Securing a Field Placement**

### **1. Resources**

The computerized Field Placement Database, Sonia, has site search capability with entries for all approved training sites. Professionals within the Department of Field Education, and the student's Advisor are the primary WJC resources to assist students in their search for suitable practica, advanced practica or internship placements. Students are advised to consult all of these sources beginning in the fall term to maximize their chances of being considered, and ultimately accepted, by the placement which comes closest to meeting their particular needs and interests. The Office of Field Education routinely informs students and advisors of the important time tables and deadlines for beginning and implementing a field placement site search. The professionals within the Department of Field Education may make recommendations to students and their advisors regarding the appropriateness of a given placement for a particular student. The student's advisor has final responsibility for approving the student's selection of their training site.

### **2. Creating a “New” Site as a Placement**

Students may find new sites that they would like the WJC program to consider for training. They must bring this training opportunity to the attention of professionals within the Department of Field Education who will initiate a process for site evaluation and potential approval. Accepting an offer of placement prior to site approval by the professionals within this department may jeopardize the student's academic progress as well as the program's potential relationship with a prospective site.

### **3. Stipends**

While finances understandably may play a significant role in a student's field placement considerations, the majority of practica, advanced practica and internships are either unfunded or minimally funded. The program actively advocates for stipends at sites but recognizes that the importance of having available a wide range of rich training sites supersedes that of funding. Students should therefore expect to be at unpaid as well as paid field placements while in the program.

### **4. Second Year at the Same Placement**

**Note:** Students may NOT be at the same field training site for both years of practicum training.

### **5. Accepting a Placement Offer and the Uniform Response Deadline**

Acceptance of a placement constitutes a formal agreement between the student and the site. The Advisor and student therefore must carefully evaluate the field placement's suitability before approving/accepting it. Rescinding acceptance of a placement can occur only under extreme circumstances and should be prompted only by serious and unforeseen educational and/or personal considerations. This decision must

be discussed with the Advisor and a professional within the Department of Field Education prior to notification of the site.

**Note:** The Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) has worked with training programs and training sites to institute a region wide timeframe for interviews (mid December to early February) and a site notification date (mid February). The College adheres to the rules and practices of this Practicum Training Collaborative and announces the specific dates each year to the student body.

**Note:** The MPA process and timing related to site applications and offers does not apply to entering students or to those students needing a significant number of additional applications to secure a field placement.

Similarly, agencies that belong to APPIC (Association of Psychology Postdoctoral & Internship Centers) agree to a uniform selection date in February.

## **6. WJC Exclusively Affiliated APA Consortium**

WJC offers an APA accredited internship through its Consortium Program. This training opportunity is available to a limited number of clinical psychology doctoral students during years 4 and 5 on a competitive application process.

## **7. Securing a Full-Time 5<sup>th</sup> Year APA Pre-doctoral Internship**

Professionals within the Department of Field Education provide information and offer a required workshop for those students who apply for a full-time 5<sup>th</sup> year APA-accredited internship. Clinical Psychology doctoral students are required to apply “in good faith” (submit 16 applications over a geographically diverse area) for an APA (5th year) internship if they did not complete the Consortium APA internship.

Listings of such internships are available on the APPIC website and through information provided by the Department of Field Education. This is a highly competitive process, the success of which may be maximized by geographic mobility.

Deadlines for applications to APPIC and other full time internships generally occur from October 15 to December 1. The APPIC Directory and APPIC Standards are available online at [www.appic.org](http://www.appic.org).

#### **D. Field Education Protocol for Addressing Student Concerns at their Site**

On occasion, students encounter difficulties at their site for a wide variety of reasons. This includes individual or personnel difficulties as well as any difficulties with changes in site structures or contracts. Students are strongly encouraged to speak with field education staff if they encounter any concerns so that the concerns may be assessed and a collaborative determination can be made regarding how to address the situation. It is in everyone's best interest that problems be addressed early. The field education department utilizes several protocols to assure the best possible outcome for all parties involved. Please see the Field Education handbook on the Sonia Field Placement Platform for more details.

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## **E. Early Termination of a Placement**

If circumstances at a field site change appreciably since acceptance of the site by the student such that the negotiated field placement contract is not being fulfilled, the student may be justified in requesting a change of placement. Such a consideration must occur in consultation with the Advisor and the assigned professional within the Department of Field Education prior to initiating the action at the site. Issues will be addressed directly with the site and a determination will be made regarding removal of a student from a site and/or termination of the site as a viable field placement for the program.

## **F. Field Education Related Personnel**

### **1. Course Instructors**

All Course Instructors throughout the WJC Program are attentive to the philosophy of integrative training and are available to students to broadly discuss their experience. Consistent with its philosophy of concordant and related academic work with field training, WJC has provided some dedicated course experiences at each level of the program which are designed to integrate the two. The instructors of Clinical Seminar IV: Theory and Practice of Supervision serve this function in the fourth year of the program.

The Advisors are required to review the Initial and Final Assessments from the site supervisor(s). While Field Supervisors are encouraged to contact the Office of Field Education for field related problems, students, Advisors, and Faculty Instructors for Introduction to Clinical Practice and Clinical Practice are required to do so.

### **2. Faculty Advisor**

Each student is assigned an Advisor who oversees their program throughout the five years at WJC. The Advisor is available as a mentor for problem solving and to review the student's progress in professional role development throughout the program. The Advisor chairs the annual Assessment and Planning (A&P) Conference. It is the job of the Advisor to meet with first year students prior to the beginning of the academic year to help them specify learning goals for the field placement in the first year and to continue to do so throughout the student's field placement training.

## **G. Field Placement Procedures**

### **1. Field Placement Contract**

The Field Placement Contract is a formal statement of the parameters of the field placement experience and constitutes a formal contractual arrangement between the training site and the WJC program on behalf of a particular student. It includes statements about the general standards and goals of the program at all levels as well as the student's specific field-related learning goals for the coming year. For all continuing students these learning goals are articulated at the A&P Conference preceding the placement, with input from the student, the Advisor, present and future Supervisor, etc. The learning goals are to be viewed by the next year's supervisor (or other site representative) as requests for service and should be negotiated clearly, noting the extent to which the site representative/Supervisor is able to meet these requests. The learning goals are then also included in the Field Placement Contract, which is signed by the student, Supervisor, and Advisor. In rare cases where the following year's Supervisor or site representative is not present at an A&P Conference, it is the Advisor's responsibility to convey information regarding the conference deliberations and the proposed contract to them and to identify and articulate the student's learning goals.

**Note:** The Field Placement Contract will be discussed at the end of the year conference but not completed until the student begins at their field training site during the upcoming training year.

At the beginning of the training year the student will begin by working with the on-site field supervisor to develop learning goals and then review and revise these goals with their faculty advisor. The student should then submit the Field Placement Contract (with specified learning goals) to their prospective supervisor. Once the Primary Supervisor fills in appropriate field placement information and signs the contract, it should be returned to the Advisor for their approval. Following this approval, the contract must be submitted to the WJC Directors of Field Education. **Please note that the signed contract must be submitted no later than the end of September and must be received before any clinical work is started by the trainee at their site.**

A copy of the contract is given to the Supervisor and the Advisor, and this contract is used as a basis for initial and final evaluation of the student's performance at the site. Any problems occurring at the site in relation to fulfillment of the contract should be reported immediately to the assigned professional within the Department of Field Education by the student, the Advisor, or any Faculty Member(s) who may be aware of a difficulty.

## **2. Site Visits**

Regular site visits are conducted by WJC Faculty, Administrators and trained Alumni. The purpose of these visits is to solidify the WJC training relationship and to evaluate the adequacy of training at the sites. Site Visit Reports are shared with the Directors of Field Education. Site visits are scheduled by our faculty and by professionals within the Department of Field Education. All sites are visited on a regular basis.

## **3. Field Placement Evaluations**

Supervisors complete two written evaluations of students, one in early December, one at the end of the training year in May/June. Supervisors are asked to review the evaluations with the student before sending them to the Department of Field Education. In this manner the student may assess their progress as well as set goals for future academic and field work. The evaluations become part of the student's permanent file and are reviewed at the A & P Conference.

## **H. Field Placement Credit**

### **1. Assignment of Field Placement Credit**

The assigned professional within the Department of Field Education assigns credit each semester for the field placement experience based upon the Supervisor evaluations, the student's overall performance in the placement and level of success in meeting the curricular and learning goals specified in the Field Placement Contract.

Students are required to enter clinical placement hours into Time-to-Track System. Failure to do so will result in an automatic grade of Credit Problematic regardless of performance ratings.

When a grade of Credit Problematic or No Credit for Field Placement is assigned, an Interim A & P Conference must be convened. The Interim A & P may recommend appropriate modification to the student's program and/or academic standing.

### **2. Transfer of Credit for Field Experience**

In keeping with the School's philosophy that field experience and coursework should be integrated, there is no transfer of credit for previous field placement experience except in the case of students entering with

Advanced Standing.

## I. Student Evaluation of Field Site

Students are asked to provide information concerning the quality of their training experience at practicum, advanced practicum and internship placements. This information is made available by the Assistant Director of Field Education to assist other students in making decisions regarding appropriate placements for them to apply to in the future. These evaluations are internal documents completed online and are used exclusively within WJC.

## VII. Grading and Evaluation

### A. Grading

The Clinical Psychology department follows the policies of William James College.

Please refer to the Graduate Student Handbook for institutional standards on grading:  
<https://www.williamjames.edu/student-life/policy-procedures/upload/wjc-graduate-student-handbook.pdf#page=21>

Within the Doctoral Program, evaluation is regarded as routine, regular, ongoing and reciprocal. Formal student evaluations are completed by instructors at the end of each term in each class, at the same time that grades are submitted. Field evaluations are submitted by field supervisors who submit formal clinical field evaluations at the end of each term during practicum, advanced practicum and internship years. Field education professionals are responsible for submitting grades for field experience on the basis of field and advisors' evaluations of the applied work. Students are required to submit course evaluations at the end of each term and field evaluations at the end of each training year. Additionally, students are asked to evaluate their advisors, their Dissertation Chairs and Members. Periodically, students are asked to participate in overall program evaluation through meetings with administration and/or surveys. The Assessment and Planning Conference represents the culmination of the reciprocal evaluative paradigm in its year-end review of the integrative experience of a student in all domains of professional training.

### B. Evaluation Completion

#### **Policy Statement on Course Evaluation Completion:**

The *Integrative* philosophy of professional education at WJC includes an understanding of the importance and reciprocal nature of evaluation. All students are evaluated in the classroom and in the field throughout all ranges of professional growth. Equally important is the expectation that all students assume a responsibility for evaluating their professional training experience as well as themselves throughout the scope of professional training. To do so is consistent with an educational structure aligned with the APA Standards of Accreditation.

Equally relevant is the systemic need for evaluative feedback. We consider course and faculty evaluations, among other sources of data, as necessary information regarding ongoing quality assurance review of the WJC program. Moreover, accrediting and regulatory bodies, the American Psychological Association (APA) and the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), require that we regularly generate such information.

It is a **requirement** of all WJC programs that students complete a Course Evaluation on each of the classes in which they have been enrolled during any given term. The Department announces the availability of the online Course Evaluations within two weeks of the end of a given term and provides instructions to the student body regarding access to and completion of the evaluations. All information is communicated via WJC email.

Please note the following:

- Course Evaluation results are presented anonymously.
- Course Evaluation content is received electronically and aggregated. No student feedback is presented with any identifying information.
- The department generates two kinds of reports:
  1. An overall report aggregating all data, including narrative statements, as an evaluative summary for each class.
  2. A record of who has or has not completed evaluations based upon course enrollment records during a given academic term. This list is presented administratively to the Registrar's Office; individual course instructors are not informed of who has or has not completed a Course Evaluation.
- Course Evaluations must be completed within the time period prescribed by the Registrar's Office each semester.

All students are expected to complete Course Evaluations. Repeated non-compliance with this requirement will result in a statement of concern and/or Corrective Action Notice (CAN) entered into the student file for failure to meet standards of responsible professional behavior.

### **C. Competency Evaluation**

The WJC Curriculum is designed to assess competencies defined by the American Psychological Association (APA).

### **D. The Clinical Competency Examination**

Students at the Year Three: Advanced Practicum I level of field training are required to complete a clinical competency examination beginning January 2018. Review of your performance will provide you and your faculty advisor with key information about your progress through the program. Areas of strength as well as competency areas that may need more attention will be identified. This will allow increased attention to your mastery of these competencies as you work towards the completion of your degree. Please reference the Clinical Competency Examination handbook with specific instructions and policies.

### **E. Portfolios**

All entering students are required to submit a portfolio of professional experiences at the end of years 1, 2, and 3 as preparation for application for APA-accredited internships. After year 3, students are expected to continue this practice on their own without required formal advisor review as part of their own professional development. The Professional Development Portfolio Form is reviewed by the student's advisor at the Assessment and Planning Conference and must be submitted to Eileen O'Donnell, Enrollment and Program Manager, Clinical Psychology Department. Specific guidelines are distributed by the Office of the Chair. Failure to complete the project will result in the student being placed on probation until its completion.

### **F. Academic Standards, including Due Process and Grievance Procedures**



The Clinical Psychology department adheres to the college-wide policies and procedures outlined in the Graduate Handbook.

- Please see the Graduate Student Handbook for institutional Academic Standards policies: <https://www.williamjames.edu/student-life/policy-procedures/upload/wjc-graduate-student-handbook.pdf#page=14>
- Grievances/Appeals instructions can be found in the Graduate Student Handbook: <https://www.williamjames.edu/student-life/policy-procedures/upload/wjc-graduate-student-handbook.pdf#page=26>

## **G. Miscellaneous: Student Meetings with Faculty, Administration, and Staff**

William James College is a college for adult learners. Students conduct many meetings over the course of an academic year with their teachers, with staff members and with administration. Our policy is that student meetings are between the student and the William James College professional(s) they are meeting with. Students cannot bring outside guests to a meeting. This would include a family member, close friend or any other party. The College official may invite another staff member(s) or faculty member(s) who can assist with the business at hand to participate in the meeting. The student may also request that they bring another relevant William James College party to the meeting. This may include an advisor or the Dean of Students. In cases that involve approved accommodations, the Coordinator of the Academic Resource Center or their designee can attend to assist.

Students are expected to attend meetings called by faculty and administration, and refusal to do so may result in disciplinary action.

## **VIII. Educational Advising, Planning and Evaluation**

In order to maximize the benefits of the WJC program, ongoing processes of advising, planning, and evaluation have been developed whereby students receive input regarding their performance and progress from a number of different sources. Among those persons responsible for providing such input are: advisors, instructors of courses and Field Placement Supervisors. The primary mechanisms for assessment of a student's progress are course evaluations, field placement evaluations, individual meetings with advisors, Chair, administrators, and an annual Assessment and Planning (A&P) Conference.

### **A. Advisors and Advising**

Advising assignments are made over the summer following the conclusion of the admissions process and before the start of the academic year. Advisors are assigned by the Chair's Office and may be based on recommendations made by admissions teams. Students admitted in special status programs (e.g. Advanced Standing, Transfer) may be assigned to advisors who are specialized in individualized programming.

The advisor has a significant role in overseeing a student's progress throughout the program and can have a major impact on the development of a student's professional role identity. Acting as an educator, an advocate, an evaluator and a mentor, the advisor has many responsibilities. An advisor:

- Makes themselves available for regular contact with advisees. Advisors are allocated an average of ten (10) hours per student per academic year. The frequency of this contact may vary over the course of a student's years at WJC, but regular contact scheduled by the Advisor seems to be quite important, especially as students enter the program.

- Assesses the student's academic background and strengths as well as applied training needs, aspirations and goals.
- Approves the student's registration, including approval of all coursework, directed studies, practicum and internship site selections.
- Chairs the annual Assessment & Planning (A & P) Conference, assists in establishing the student's field training goals, and approves a student's field placement contract during the summer or fall at the beginning of the student's field placement.
- Identifies the student's personal issues if they impinge on learning and provides appropriate guidance and/or intervention. It is within the province of an advisor to recommend personal therapy where such a need is perceived.
- Monitors student progress toward completion of degree requirements, addresses difficulties as they may arise and facilitates, where possible, resolutions of problematic situations. Advisors are responsible for maintaining an awareness of changes in policy and/or program requirements as they may affect a student's course of study.
- Collaborates with the Directors of Field Education and Training and relevant course instructors to help resolve problematic field situations should they arise.
- Reviews the student's evaluations (which are distributed by the Registrar and Office of Field Education).
- Convenes an Interim Conference when required.
- Consults with the Department Chair, when appropriate or necessary, regarding deliberations or actions on behalf of the advisee.

Generally, students retain the same advisor throughout the program. However, either party may initiate a change without prejudice (but not without review) if during the course of the relationship a change is desired. Students wishing to have an advisor change should complete the petition for change of faculty advisor form and submit to the department coordinator. Final approval of all requested advising changes rests with the Chair of the Doctoral Program. Advising changes generally occur between academic years and assignments to particular faculty are subject to faculty availability; students are required to submit the appropriate paperwork on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the spring term of any given academic year unless there are extenuating circumstances. Approved changes are implemented at the beginning of the fall term of the following year.

Advising is a professional role which values the privacy of the advisor-student relationship and is subject to the privacy provisions of FERPA and the APA Ethics Code. However, advising is not a psychotherapy or psychological assessment role and therefore does not have the forms of confidentiality typically associated with the provision of professional psychological services. Advisors are expected to exercise judgment and discretion with information exchanged in the course of advising, but may disclose, without consent, information bearing on the following: (a) the safety and well-being of the student; (b) the safety and well-being of patients/clients served by the student; (c) issues related to student assessment in the classroom or the field; (d) in the discretion of the advisor, and in consultation with the Clinical Psychology Program Director, any other matters bearing upon the progress of the student through the doctoral Clinical Psychology Program.

## **B. Assessment and Planning Conference (A&P)**

All students are required to convene an A&P Conference at the conclusion of each year in the program. The Office of the Chair will send out comprehensive instructions toward the end of the spring term. Portfolios and Time-to-Track data are required to be submitted at each A&P conference. Please refer to the most current year's instructions sent out from the Office of the Chair.

### **C. Interim Assessment and Planning (A&P) Meeting**

An Interim A&P may be called for by the student's advisor. These conferences may be convened at any time of the year and are mandatory under the following circumstances:

1. A No Credit, Credit Problematic or grade of B- or below has been earned in one or more courses.
2. An Incomplete has been earned in two or more courses in one semester.
3. When recommended or required by a CAN that has been filed.

An interim conference may also be called at an advisor's or program chair's discretion for any concern regarding a student's performance, academic standing or professional behavior.

The persons attending the Interim Conference are the student, the advisor, and:

1. The instructor who assigned the grade and/or:
2. At least one of the instructors who assigned an Incomplete grade and/or
3. The Field Site Supervisor in cases where the student's field site performance at issue.
4. Other attendees at the discretion of the student's advisor. (e.g., another professional colleague or supervisor, Dissertation Committee Chair or Member, etc.) Advisors have the prerogative of requiring students to invite particular participants who may be able to address critical issues in a student's training experience. Family members and friends are prohibited from attending.

The Advisor chairs this conference, which must be held within 21 days of the earning of the No Credit, Credit Problematic, or Incomplete grade. An Interim Conference form must be filed with the Chair of the Department and with the Office of the Registrar. Timeframes may be amended between semesters and during the summer.

The results of the Interim Conference may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Recommendation that a student be placed on probation
2. Significant reduction in course load
3. Prohibiting Directed Studies
4. Change in field placement
5. Delay in beginning the Doctoral Dissertation
6. Taking specific courses or field placements
7. Recommendation of review by the Department Chair.

## **IX. Student Professional Issues**

### **A. When Can You Call Yourself "Doctor"?**

Conferring the Doctoral Degree is a function of the WJC Board of Trustees following the recommendation of the Administration and the Faculty. Doctoral degrees are presented in December, June and August. Students who meet the program deadlines for completion of all doctoral requirements and responsibilities attendant to each of these dates will have their degrees presented to them on the next appropriate conferral date. It is permissible to employ the title of "Doctor" only upon conferral of the Doctoral Diploma.

### **B. Licensure and Certification**

Students should review licensure laws, rules and regulations, these can be purchased at the State House Book Store, Room 116, State House, Boston, MA 02133 (617-727-2834). They are also available online at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/sprcat/catidx.htm>. Graduates with appropriate experience are also eligible for certification as Health Service Providers in Massachusetts.

Students who anticipate practicing in other states should check carefully into the licensing requirements of the state in which they intend to practice, as these requirements do vary. Understanding the licensing laws for states other than Massachusetts at least one year prior to graduation will allow a student to take any additional or necessary courses and/or field experiences that may be applicable to that particular state's Board of Registration requirements.

The Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology has determined that WJC is a Designated Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology and as such, graduates meet the basic educational requirements for listing in the Register. Nevertheless, the student should pay careful attention to meeting Register requirements for internships and post-doctoral work in order to be certified by the National Register. Informational applications are available through the National Register at: Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Suite 106, Washington, DC 20036, or on line at <http://www.nationalregister.org>.

### **C. Accreditation**

WJC was granted initial accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. in December 1984. Accreditation by the Association indicates that WJC has been carefully evaluated and found to meet standards agreed upon by qualified educators.

The Clinical Doctoral Program at WJC was granted accreditation by the American Psychological Association in November, 1987. The American Psychological Association is recognized as a national accrediting association for doctoral programs in psychology. WJC has maintained this accreditation.

Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation  
American Psychological Association  
750 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002  
Phone: (202) 336-5979 / E-mail: [apaaccred@apa.org](mailto:apaaccred@apa.org)  
Web: [www.apa.org/ed/accreditation](http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation)

### **D. Engagement in Private, Independent Practice**

WJC students are not permitted to engage in independent, private practice unless they are independently licensed in another specialty to do so (e.g., LICSW, LMHC). Students who may consider supervised employment by licensed psychologists apart from their programmatically proscribed field training are referred to the Directors of Field Education and Training for consultation regarding clarification of the legal, professional, and ethical issues attendant to professional involvement outside of the WJC training experience. In addition, the Chair of the Doctoral Program or any other WJC faculty/staff is available to students who might seek opinions in such matters. Students are reminded that they are bound by the APA Code of Ethics.

### **E. Student Malpractice Insurance**

WJC has a school-wide Professional Liability Insurance Policy which covers work done by students in connection with their school-approved field placements. This policy does **not** cover work done by students in other functions or for experience beyond the scope or the time boundaries of the Field Placement Contract. Students are encouraged to be aware of their potential professional liability in work or training related experiences that are not directly connected to their enrollment at WJC and are responsible for taking whatever measures may be appropriate or necessary in those situations. Students are encouraged to consider securing their own Professional Liability Insurance, which is available through the APA at a reduced cost.

## **X. Degree Requirements**

### **A. En Route Masters**

Students enrolled in the Clinical Psychology PsyD program may earn a Master's Degree in Professional Psychology en route to the doctoral degree. Required course work is addressed below in Year One (inclusive of applied experience: Clinical Seminar and Practicum 1) and Year Two (exclusive of Clinical Seminar 2 and Practicum 2); additional coursework is as noted. The award date of the degree will be determined by the Board of Trustees at its annual fall meeting and presented individually to students prior to and independent of Commencement Exercises.

**\*Note:** the en route masters does not lead to a license.

#### **Requirements for Students entering 2015-2018:**

Year One (*courses to be completed by the end of the summer term following fall matriculation*):

- LS659 – Lifespan Development (3)
- PA601 – Cognitive Assessment I (3)
- PS600 – History and Systems (2)
- PS603 – Social Bases of Behavior (3)
- RS526 – Statistics (3)
- CS600/CS605 – Clinical Seminar I (4)
- FP630 /FP635 – Clinical Practicum I (6)

Year two (*courses to be completed during or before the conclusion of the summer term following year two*):

- RS525/RS535 – Research (4)
- FX515 – Family and Systems Theory (2)
- BX500 – Learning Theory (2)
- HU520 – Humanistic Theory (2)
- PT700 – Psychodynamic Theory (2)

Additional Course Requirements during years 1 and 2:

- CC522 – Diversity and Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
- PY521 – Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence (3)
- PY522 – Adult Psychopathology (3)

**Total Credit Accumulation: 45 Credits**

#### **Students entering fall 2019 and later:**

**En route Master of Arts in Professional Psychology degree Requirements:**

| <b>Course #</b>       | <b>WJC Course Title:</b>                                 | <b># credits</b> |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| CLI LS659             | Lifespan Development                                     | 3                |
| CLI PA601             | Cognitive Assessment                                     | 3                |
| CLI PS600             | History & Systems  | 2                |
| CLI PS603             | Social Bases of Behavior                                 | 3                |
| CLI RS526             | Statistics   | 3                |
| CLI CS606/CS607       | Introduction to Clinical Practice I and II               | 4                |
| CLI FP630/FP635       | Clinical Practicum I                                     | 6                |
| CLI RS501             | Introduction to Psychological Research                   | 2                |
| CLI RS525/RS535       | Research   | 4                |
| CLI CC522             | Diversity & Cross-Cultural Psych                         | 3                |
| CLI PY521             | Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence             | 3                |
| CLI PY522             | Adult Psychopathology                                    | 3                |
| CLI SB700             | Treatment of Substance Use Disorders                     | 2                |
|                       | <b>Student takes Two (2) of the Following Three (3):</b> |                  |
| CLI FX701             | Family & Systems Theory and Practice                     | 3                |
| CLI BX701 or BX702    | Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and Practice                 | 3                |
| CLI PT701             | Contemporary Psychodynamic Theory and Practice           | 3                |
|                       |  |                  |
| <b>Total Credits:</b> |  | <b>47</b>        |

**B. Dissertation Manual**

The Dissertation Manual is available on the Center for Psychological Science (CPS) My Campus page for Standards, Policies and Procedures.

**C. Time Frame for Earning Degree**

Students are required to do a minimum of five (5) years of study at WJC; the program cannot be completed in less than five (5) years unless a student entered the program in a “special admissions” status (e.g., Advanced Standing, Transfer, etc.) Some students may be required to do more than five (5) years of study. Students may choose to take longer than five (5) years to complete the degree requirements, but are required to complete all doctoral requirements within seven (7) academic years.

**D. Certification of Eligibility for Graduation**

Certification of eligibility for graduation is determined in the Registrar’s Office. In addition to completing all curricular and field placement requirements, a student must complete the following administrative procedures by the designated deadlines in order to be certified as eligible for graduation:

1. An Application for Graduation must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office by the deadline as announced by the Registrar’s office.
2. An “audit” of the student’s file is conducted by the Advisor and the Registrar. Certification of eligibility for graduation can be made only when the student’s record has been reviewed and documentation of completion of all degree requirements is on file. Students are then notified whether

- or not all degree requirements have been met.
3. One (1) copy of the Dissertation Proposal (including Abstract and Acceptance Form) must be submitted to Matt Kramer, Dissertation Submittal Administrator; verification of Library acceptance must be on file in the Office of the Chair. (See section Submitting the Dissertation Proposal of Dissertation Manual)
  4. Two (2) copies of the Dissertation (including Abstract and Readers Approval Pages), suitable for binding, and one (1) archival copy on a pc-formatted disk must be submitted to Matt Kramer, Dissertation Submittal Administrator. The Dissertation Approval Form and verification of submittal acceptance must be submitted to the Office of the Chair (see section Submitting the Dissertation of Dissertation Manual). The Completed Dissertation must be filed with Matt Kramer, Dissertation Submittal Administrator prior to the Colloquium as follows: An electronic copy must be submitted to UMI and sent via electronic mail to Matt Kramer, Dissertation Submittal Administrator. The doctoral candidate must meet with Matt Kramer, Dissertation Submittal Administrator to submit the Dissertation Approval Form and the Reader's Approval Page, both signed by all Dissertation Committee members and pay any required fees (See section Publication of the Dissertation for more information).
  5. A **Colloquium** must be held and a "Dissertation Credit Form" must be signed by the student's Dissertation Chairperson, and submitted to Eileen O'Donnell, Enrollment and Program Manager, Clinical Psychology Department as official notification and verification that the colloquium was held.
  6. Students who are anticipating graduation, and who have not met their financial obligations as outlined in the Student Policies Manuals may, only at the discretion of the President, participate in commencement activities. However, until financial obligations are met, students will not be able to receive services that include, but are not limited to:
    - Receiving a diploma/certificate
    - Obtaining a transcript
    - Verifying enrollment, graduation and/or completion date
    - Certifying other documents e.g. for licensing, insurance, etc.

Between the time that a student is certified to be eligible for graduation by the Registrar and before the Board of Trustees confers the degree, names of potential graduates are presented to the faculty *and/or to the Chair of the Dissertation (in lieu of faculty availability)*. In this review the faculty may raise any last concerns before voting to recommend that the Board confer the degrees on the proposed candidates.

## **XI. Non-discrimination Policies**

The Clinical Psychology department adheres to the college-wide policies and procedures outlined in the Graduate Handbook.

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[handbook.pdf#page=96](https://www.williamjames.edu/student-life/policy-procedures/upload/wjc-graduate-student-handbook.pdf#page=96)  
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