

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology



Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program

The USUHS Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program (military track) is designed to train clinical psychologists to serve in the uniformed services of the United States (Army, Navy, & Air Force). Training includes a strong base in the foundations of psychology, with specialized training in military psychology. The Navy currently funds two doctoral students per year to participate in this program.

The program is open to both active-duty individuals (enlisted or officer) in the uniformed services, and to civilians who are eligible and willing to be commissioned as officers in the United States Navy. Prior military experience is not required or even expected.

There are **no tuition costs**. Students are commissioned in the Navy Medical Service Corps, and earn full pay and benefits commensurate with their rank and service. Applicants are typically commissioned as an Ensign/O-1 in the United States Navy. They continue to advance in rank throughout their graduate training, commensurate with regular promotion schedules.

The program requires 4 academic years of resident graduate study, followed by the completion of an APA-accredited internship, which is a 12-month, full-time clinical training experience that serves as the fifth and final year of the program. This internship is housed at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Students incur a 7-year active-duty military obligation to be served after the completion of their graduate training and internship.

The program is open to applicants with either a Bachelor's or a Master's degree (a degree in psychology is not required, but additional courses in psychology are recommended for those without psychology degrees). All applicants are required to have taken the [GRE](#) general test within two years of their

application.

Apply Early! You are advised to start your application by contacting a Medical Programs Officer recruiter. You should start by August of each year (or earlier) in order to complete all requirements by the December application deadline. For directions on contacting a recruiter, click on the “How to Apply” link below

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For Navy-specific questions about the USUHS program: <https://www.usuhs.edu/mps/navy-applicants>

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