

HELPING PROFESSIONS

A Guide to Paths and Programs in
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES?

Many people have a desire to help others. From one-on-one therapy to coaching to community activism. From private practice to nursing homes to corporations. From individuals to families. From mental health to athletic performance.

The career fields that need professionals dedicated to helping people are varied and rewarding. This Education and Research guide can help you find a path—and a degree program—that aligns with your goals for collecting and communicating research, or teaching and training the next generation of professionals.

Still exploring the ways you want to make a difference in the lives of others? Ask your Enrollment Counselor about our other guides that can help you explore paths and programs in:

- Behavioral Health
- Leadership and Performance
- K-12 Settings
- Human Services





EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

People interested in helping others may decide to work behind the scenes in research, teaching, or developing academic programs.



EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Professions

Here are some common roles and job titles, employment settings, and median annual salaries for professionals interested in education and research related to the field of psychology.

Educator



Focus

Teach or prepare future psychology and/or counseling professionals.
(NOTE: Must have doctoral degree to teach at college or university level.)

Related Job Titles

- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty
- Lecturer/speaker
- Consultant

Related Workplaces

- Land-based or online college or university

Median Annual Salary

The median salary for professionals with a doctoral degree is \$86,528 per year.*
SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017.

* Disclaimer: Many factors, including field of study, age, experience, and geography, can affect job offers, salaries, promotions, or other career growth. Capella does not guarantee its graduates will experience any particular career outcome.

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Researcher



Focus

Study all areas of human behavior. Plan and conduct research. Communicate findings. Lead advancement in the field.

Related Job Titles

- Research psychologist
- Research associate
- Research scientist
- Test designer

Related Workplaces

- Private, government, or university research center

Median Annual Salary

The median salary for professionals with a master's degree is \$71,760 per year.*

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017.

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Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, *Applied Research Specialization*

Focus

Prepare for further study of clinical psychology research at the doctoral level.

What You'll Learn

Foundational clinical psychology knowledge and skills needed for successful academic or research practice, or for doctoral-level study in clinical psychology.

Understanding of the application of research methodology, psychotherapy theories, tests and measurement, psychopathology, human development, ethical principles, and diversity.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Research scientist
- Instructor
- Adjunct or part-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Mental health clinic
- Hospital—inpatient or outpatient
- Nonprofit organization
- Land-based or online college or university

NOTE: The requirements for these programs are not intended to prepare graduates for licensure as professional counselors, psychologists, or social workers.



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY, *Educational Psychology Specialization*

Focus

Prepare to apply instructional strategies and designs effectively across different age groups.

What You'll Learn

Knowledge and skills in the application of learning, human development and socialization, educational psychology, ethics, tests and measurements, and basic statistics and research methods.

Foundational principles of lifespan development from early childhood through late adulthood, educational technology, and curriculum development.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Training and development specialist/manager
- Curriculum developer
- Test administrator/developer
- Research assistant

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Test publisher
- Educational consulting firm
- Training company
- State department of education



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY, *General Psychology Specialization*

Focus

Prepare to expand your knowledge of human behavior.

What You'll Learn

Solid foundation of the principles of psychology.

Knowledge and skills to pursue a career in research, teaching, or program administration in human services organizations.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Case manager
- Social services worker
- Victim's advocate
- Program coordinator

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Community counseling center
- Social service agency
- Law enforcement
- Human resource department



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

| DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Focus

Advanced study to become a leader, researcher, advanced practitioner, or educator in the social work field.

What You'll Learn

Critical thinking, action research, advocacy and social justice, and the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

Principles and advanced skills in leadership and technology.

Related Job Titles to Explore*

- Clinical instructor
- Independent consultant
- Senior social worker
- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Hospitals or clinics
- Government—local, state, federal
- Consulting firm
- Land-based or online college or university



Degrees for a Career in EDUCATION OR RESEARCH

PhD IN PSYCHOLOGY, *Behavior Analysis Specialization*

Focus

Advanced study of applied behavior analysis (ABA) to expand the field through research, teaching, or leadership.

What You'll Learn

Expertise in behavior analysis that can help you prepare for a career as a teacher, researcher, or clinical leader.

Ways to apply critical thinking in response to psychological challenges.

Leadership to expand and evolve the psychology profession through research and best practices.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Behavior analyst
- Board certified behavior analyst (BCBA)
- Clinical director
- Professor of psychology

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- College or university
- Community or technical college
- Hospital
- Individual and family services
- K-12 public or private school
- Private practice
- Skilled nursing facility

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Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

| PhD IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION

(CACREP-ACCREDITED)

Focus

Advanced study in preparation to lead in the counseling profession.

What You'll Learn

Skills in multiple methods of graduate-level instructional delivery and supervision in counseling/ therapy, clinical mental health supervision, and leadership and advocacy.

Competencies needed to work as an educator, supervisor, researcher, or advanced practitioner in an academic or clinical setting.

Related Job Titles to Explore*

- Counselor educator
- Group home manager
- Social services supervisor
- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Private or group practice
- Clinic
- Residential treatment center
- Land-based or online college or university



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

PhD IN PSYCHOLOGY, *Developmental Psychology Specialization*

Focus

Advanced study of how people develop and change.

What You'll Learn

A broad base of knowledge in lifespan development, human services policy, and advocacy.

Foundation of the science of psychology, and depth within the discipline of developmental psychology and policy.

You'll also have the opportunity to pursue emphases in Child and Adolescent Development, Adulthood and Aging, and Lifespan.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Development psychologist
- Policy consultant/advocate
- Program administrator/director
- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Nonprofit organization
- Consulting firm
- Social service agency
- Land-based or online college or university



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

PhD IN PSYCHOLOGY, *Educational Psychology Specialization*

Focus

Advanced study of the psychology of teaching and learning.

What You'll Learn

A broad base of knowledge about learning, cognition, instruction, development, and research.

A foundation of the science of psychology, and depth within the discipline of educational psychology.

You'll also have the opportunity to pursue emphases in Child and Adolescent Development, Program Evaluation and Measurement, and Psychology Teaching and Instruction.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Educational program director
- Learning systems manager
- Director of institutional research
- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Training company
- Educational consulting firm
- Research organization
- Land-based or online college or university



Degrees for a Career in **EDUCATION OR RESEARCH**

PhD IN PSYCHOLOGY, *General Psychology Specialization*

Focus

Advanced study in psychological principles, theories, and research methodologies.

What You'll Learn

Specialized knowledge in skills in a customized program based on your professional interests. Use electives to design an individualized area of psychology study or interdisciplinary area of study that blends psychology with education or business.

*Related Job Titles to Explore**

- Program administrator/director
- Consultant
- Dean of faculty
- Adjunct, part-time, or full-time faculty

Related Employment Settings to Explore

- Community counseling center
- Mental health clinic
- Market research firm
- Land-based or online college or university

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WHY CAPELLA?

- Degree programs designed around industry standards.
- Learning experiences that you can apply immediately in the field.
- Up-to-date curriculum and knowledgeable faculty who are industry experts.
- The most direct path to your goals with 24-hour access to online courses for the ultimate flexibility.
- An affordable education with many financial support options.



WHAT SETS CAPELLA APART?

Accredited Degree Programs Aligned to Industry Standards

The following programs have professional accreditation:

- Capella University's PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision, MS in Mental Health Counseling, MS in School Counseling, and MS in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy programs are accredited by the American Counseling Association's Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through March 31, 2020.
- The MS in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy program at Capella University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), 112 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; 703.838.9808, coa@aamft.org.
- Capella University's Master of Social Work programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation. CSWE is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States.

Coursework incorporates industry standards in the following programs:

- The specialization courses in Capella's Master of Science in Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis specialization are approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).
- The Master of Science in Addiction Studies program includes a course in supervision and program management along with 300 hours of internship to complement your academic coursework. This incorporates common International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium requirements that states have set for credentialing examinations.

Capella University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

WHAT SETS CAPELLA APART?

The Most Direct Path to Your Goals

Our approach to education is designed around the critical skills, knowledge, theories, and abilities — or competencies — required to master the subject matter in your degree program. You gain the relevant competencies you need to advance your career, and in the most efficient way.

FLEXPATH™

FlexPath, Capella's self-paced learning format, lets you work at your own pace and use the knowledge you've gained in your profession to move quickly through familiar subjects—potentially saving you time and money.

FlexPath is currently available for the following Master of Science in Psychology specializations:

- Child and Adolescent Development
- Educational Psychology
- General Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Sport Psychology



WHAT SETS CAPELLA APART?

Relevant Curriculum

Capella's programs are designed by scholar-practitioner faculty who are experts in their field, and developed around the latest standards in the field to ensure you'll gain the most relevant skills and knowledge you need to succeed in your career.

Expert Faculty

Most faculty members hold a doctoral degree and have expertise gained through relevant experience in their field.

Counseling

All core faculty members in the counseling department have a doctoral degree and many work as licensed practitioners, school psychologists, school counselors, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, registered play therapy supervisors, and psychologists.

Psychology

All psychology faculty members have graduate degrees and many work as clinical, industrial, and organizational professionals

Social Work

All social work faculty members have a doctoral degree and are licensed social workers both in advanced generalist practice and clinical social work.

Human Services

All human services faculty hold doctoral degrees. Our experienced instructors consult with regional, national, and international public service organizations and government agencies.

SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Your program may present challenges—and Capella offers the support you need to successfully meet them. As you work to complete your degree requirements, Capella will provide you with support resources that are well suited to help you reach all of your short- and long-term academic and career goals. Here's just some of the support you'll receive along the way:



Enrollment Counselors

These folks are superstars—we hear it from our students (and grads), and you'll feel it from your first call or chat. They'll help you find your program fit, navigate the admissions process, and get started.



Academic Tutoring

Want to boost your performance? This team provides one-on-one support for academic skills, specific subjects, and more.



Financial Aid Counselors

First they listen. Then they act—for you. Running the numbers, exploring ways to save, and making the financial stuff a lot less complicated.



Doctoral Support

A doctoral degree takes special effort. It's why our doctoral programs are carefully designed for success. And it's why this team offers guidance on a whole other level—from first course to dissertation.



Academic Coaches

This team is all about keeping you on track. They'll help you understand your program requirements, answer your questions—and root for you all the way.



Career Center

For this team, it's way more than resumes and interview tips. It's about thoughtful and strategic career planning—from your first day at Capella. And long after you graduate.

SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



Student Community

You're not alone at Capella. Find a community of classmates to give support, provide guidance, and share tips.



Military Support

The best way to honor your service? Demystifying your complex benefits and helping you make the most of what you've earned.



Disability Services

Need access, accommodations, or technology? These advocates will make it happen. And if you need a steady hand to guide you across the stage at graduation? They'll be there for that, too.



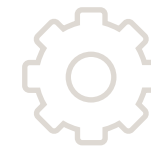
Library and Writing Support

Need help finding resources or honing your writing skills for a paper or other coursework? The Capella Library and Writing Center are here to help.



Affordability

Capella offers a per-credit cost with a variety of ways to make your degree even more affordable.



Tech Support

Tech happens. So you'll have 24/7 access to live, actual human beings who'll help you get the most out of your learning technology.

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Scholarships

Capella offers several scholarship opportunities for new students to save on their degree. And the best part: scholarships never need to be paid back.

Employer tuition reimbursement

Many employers offer tuition reimbursement to their employees—even those without a formal program. Check with your HR department or manager to see if you are eligible.

Transfer credits

Reduce the time and cost of finishing your degree by maximizing your transfer credits.

Military discount

Capella offers a discount of 10 to 15 percent to veterans, service members, and their spouses.

Employer and association discounts

Tuition discounts from Capella-affiliated employers, colleges, and professional associations can help make your degree more affordable.



RESOURCES

ONLINE LEARNING AT CAPELLA

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

TAKE A FREE TRIAL COURSE

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAPELLA



Ready to learn more?

Call an Enrollment Counselor:

1.888.933.5819

Ready to get started?

Apply now and we'll waive your \$50 application fee when you use code **Guide1**.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended these programs.

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