Western Mental Health Counseling Application Information
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Application

Our priority application deadline is February 1. Later applications will be considered on a space-available basis only. Applicants are required to submit ALL materials (see required application materials below) in one mailing to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will return your application if all supporting documents are not included with your application. (Exception: your GRE scores must be mailed to the Graduate School directly from the Educational Testing Service.) The Graduate School will determine which applicants are eligible for admission and forward the applicant files to the Psychology Department. An admissions committee within the Department will then conduct an initial review of the applications and select individuals to invite for personal interviews. Interviews take place in early to mid-March, and final admission decisions are usually made by the end of the month. We typically recommend six students for admission to the program each year.

Applicants are evaluated based on GPA, GRE scores, psychology background, letters of recommendation, personal preparation, experience, and motivation. For further information contact Dr. Christina Byrne, Director, Mental Health Counseling Program, Department of Psychology, MS 9172, 516 High Street, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 98225-9172; phone: 360. 650.7945; e-mail: christina.byrne@wwu.edu.

Application materials may be obtained at Western Washington University's Graduate School website. Online submission of some application materials is now an option at the Graduate School's website. If you have any questions or difficulties with the application materials at the website, please contact the Graduate School at gradschl@wwu.edu or call them at 360-650-3170.

Required application materials (to be sent directly to the Graduate School or submitted to their website; not to the Psychology department):

- Graduate School application form and application fee
- 3 letters of reference, no more than 1 year old
- 2 official transcripts from each university/college attended, no more than 2 years old
- Completed Questionnaire (Statement of Purpose, see below)
- General GRE is required; the subject test is recommended but not required. GRE scores must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the Educational Testing Service. Information on the GRE may be obtained online: www.gre.org.

If you would like to be considered for a Graduate School Assistantship, follow the instructions online at the Graduate School website. Currently, teaching assistants in the Department of Psychology are usually assigned to the undergraduate experimental psychology and statistics courses, or occasionally to the introduction to psychology course. Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: teaching laboratory classes where relevant, helping students understand the conceptual and computational components of statistics, helping students understand research methodology and design, and helping students become more competent scientific writers.

Mental Health Counseling Questionnaire (Statement of Purpose)
(To be included with application materials and sent to the Graduate School)

1. Your name and e-mail address.
2. What do you consider to be the primary role of a mental health counselor?
3. What experiences in life, work, and/or schooling have you had that are relevant to the counseling profession?
4. Why have you selected Western Washington University's counseling program? What are your long-range professional plans in the field of mental health?
5. Research expertise is an integral part of your training. Please indicate at least two areas of clinical research and/or practice in which you are interested.
6. Please feel free to attach any additional information that you consider to be relevant to your application, including a professional résumé or information not included in your answers to the previous questions.