

Entry Requirements for prePhD Concentration

Writing a research thesis is an academically challenging endeavor and is not a good fit for all students. Planning and implementing the research project takes a considerable amount of time and ability to work independently to succeed. Students must meet minimum academic requirements for entering the prePhD concentration:

- A minimum grade of A- for PSY 550 and
- A minimum grade of A- for PSY 560 (if applicable)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 across the first two terms
- A faculty recommendation based on a small portfolio of writing samples (final gratitude research paper from PSY 550 and the Capstone Introduction from PSY 560, if applicable)

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in order to remain in the prePhD concentration.

Students who do not finish PSY 620(1) with at least a B+ grade will not be able to continue in the pre-PhD

Concentration. Students wishing to enter the prePhD concentration need to apply to the concentration by the end of PSY 550 with filling out an application form provided by the registrar's office as well as a small portfolio of writing samples submitted to the Program Director.