



ERRATA to Divine Mercy University Academic Catalog 2024-2026 Graduation Requirements

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The following update to the Academic Catalog 2024-2026 is considered incorporated into this publication beginning on page 100

Reason for change: Updated course descriptions for the PsyD Program

PSY 803 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship III (3 credit hrs) This is an ad hoc course designed for students who have not begun the pre-doctoral internship and who are in an advanced clinical experience at the externship site during the summer semester. This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Students also attend and present regularly scheduled case consultation groups which focus on skill development in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical skills, and provision of services from an integrated perspective. (see Prerequisite: PSY 802 for additional details)

PSY 721 – Cognition & Emotion (3 credit hrs) This is a survey course in cognition and emotions. Topics in cognition include: theories of learning, perception, attention, memory, knowledge, imagery, language, problem solving, reasoning, and decision making. Emotion is examined in terms of its separation from and interaction with cognition.

PSY 801 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship I (3 credit hrs) This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Students also attend and present at regularly scheduled case consultation groups which focus on sharing the diversity of clinical experiences obtained through the variety of external site placements, with input from the University faculty on how these experiences interface with the perspective of the University training model. (Corequisite: Placement in an University approved externship. Typically completed by students in their fourth year of the Psy.D. Program. (Prerequisite: PSY 703)

PSY 802 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship II (3 credit hrs) Second of two required semesters of advanced clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site. Students also attend and present regularly scheduled case consultation groups which focus on skill development in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical skills, and provision of services from an integrated perspective. (see Prerequisite: PSY 801 for additional details)

PSY 901 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship IV (3 credit hrs) This is an ad hoc course designed for students who have not begun the pre-doctoral internship and who are in an advanced clinical

experience at the externship site. This course may be repeated as needed. This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Students also attend and present regularly scheduled case consultation groups that focus on skill development in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical skills, and provision of services from an integrated perspective. (Prerequisite: PSY 801)

PSY 902 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship V (3 credit hrs) This is an ad hoc course designed for students who have not begun the pre-doctoral internship and who are in an advanced clinical experience at the externship site. This course may be repeated as needed. This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Students also attend and present regularly scheduled case consultation groups that focus on skill development in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical skills, and provision of services from an integrated perspective. (Prerequisite: PSY 901)

PSY 903 – Advanced Clinical Practicum/Externship VI (3 credit hrs) This is an ad hoc course designed for students who have not begun the pre-doctoral internship and who are in an advanced clinical experience at the externship site during the Summer semester. This course may be repeated as needed. This course reflects time spent gaining clinical experience at the externship site, providing psychotherapy and psychological assessments. Students also attend and present regularly scheduled case consultation groups that focus on skill development in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, clinical skills, and provision of services from an integrated perspective. (Prerequisite: PSY 902)

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Reason for change: Update the conferral date policy

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Graduation Requirements

In order to qualify for graduation, all coursework and curriculum requirements must be completed and all degree requirements met within the degree time-limit and by the official graduation date. It is the responsibility of each student to successfully fulfill all of their degree requirements, as detailed in each respective program section of the catalog published at the time of their enrollment in the degree which they seek. In addition to the academic requirements, it is necessary for students to be cleared of all library obligations and to present a satisfactory clearance of financial accounts prior to graduation. Students who have not made satisfactory financial arrangements will not have access to any student services, including transcripts, diploma verifications, transfer credits, or enrollment in courses or for another program.

The University confers degrees upon the recommendation of the faculty and by the authority of the Board of Directors 12 times a year (monthly). Graduates will need to

complete their graduation applications in Populi in their last term. Graduation applicants must meet all graduation requirements, including any financial obligations, and be approved by the program director and registrar. Generally degrees will then be conferred on the 15th of the month after final grades of the student's last term are submitted. Degree conferral and commencement dates are posted in the academic calendar. All graduates are encouraged to participate in the annual May commencement exercises. Students who will complete graduation requirements by the end of the summer semester may participate in the preceding May ceremony.

The graduation fee covers all aspects of the degree completion process and will be applied to all student accounts of degree candidates, regardless of participation in the commencement ceremony. The graduation fee will be applied to the student account upon approval.

[For clinical programs]

Because of the unique schedule of some internship and practicum/externship experiences, students of clinical programs who have completed all other degree requirements prior to the commencement, except for outstanding internship or practicum/externship hours (which can be reasonably completed in the summer), may be eligible to walk at the commencement with the approval of the program director and registrar and must meet all graduation requirements. Please refer to your academic program handbook for specific graduation requirements. This special participation does not signify degree conferral. Once all degree requirements have been completed with the successful conclusion of the internship or externship, degree conferral will occur in August or September.