



FINISH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND A MASTER'S DEGREE
IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY THROUGH OUR
TWO-PLUS-THREE PROGRAM

Step One: A Bachelor of Science in Human Services

The Human Services program attracts many professionals who are already in or who seek advanced positions in counseling, psychotherapy, or social services. It has a reputation as a practical degree that empowers students to be immediately more effective in the workplace. Our students are often leaders in different organizational levels who value community engagement and who have a strong determination to improve the lives of others. The leadership of graduates working in many fields demonstrates what Human Services is in action: intelligence and compassion combined with pure determination to improve our world.

The program is designed for working adults and is offered in the evenings and/or on weekends; classes meet online or in person once a week. A working professional may complete this degree in as little as 18 months; and most average two and a half years. Our location in the center of the Bay Area enables us to attract high-caliber faculty, many of whom have been part of the program for over two decades. Classes are offered in Belmont, Redwood City (Canada College), Santa Clara (Mission College), and in Tracy, Ca.

Step Two: Master's in Clinical Psychology

The Master's in Clinical Psychology degree prepares students for career opportunities similar to those obtained through a Master's in Social Work. Similar to the LCSW, the clinical license for Master's in Social Work students, the Clinical Psychology program trains students to be eligible to pursue two clinical licenses, both as a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) and as a licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). The LPCC is a nationally recognized, professional clinical counselor's license that trains students to be eligible for career opportunities offered to those with a LCSW.. It allows individuals to work in clinical and managerial roles in human service agencies and in private practice as licensed psychotherapists and consultants. NDNU's program offers innovative training in mental health services, including many, diverse modalities of psychotherapy to individuals (adults and children), couples, families, and groups.

Program Highlights:

- Reputation and recognition: #2 Nationwide in student satisfaction!
- Faculty are mental health practitioners who integrate clinical work, service, and community engagement into their teaching and scholarly work.
- Trained for professional mental health job opportunities that require being a licensed or license eligible Master's level clinician.
- Eligibility to be hired for positions filled by licensed mental health professionals including clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and/or clinical counselors.

Partnering the Programs

The partnership between Human Services and Graduate Clinical Psychology allows committed professionals to build upon credit already received through their Human Service studies; receive the required training to become a Master's level, licensed psychotherapist; increase their knowledge about ways to help people; and enhance their competitiveness for promotional or new career opportunities. Through this partnership, some classes satisfy requirements in both programs, so students following this route take fewer classes at a lower cost.

Students generally complete their bachelor's degree in the first two years then finish their Master's in three more years. The Master's level Clinical Psychology classes have a similar schedule to the Human Services program and likewise emphasize community engagement and service to others through counseling, psychotherapy, social services, or therapeutic roles. The Clinical Psychology program places special emphasis on integrative education; rigorous clinical training; community engagement, community based learning and research; academic direction, mission and value-based learning; mentoring relationships; and personalized learning.

Graduates from the Clinical Psychology program have many career options ranging from community human service agencies to hospitals to private practice. The comprehensive programs at NDNU offer the MSCP and MSCP/MFT/LPCC programs and choices for fulfilling, individualized career goals in clinical psychology that fulfill California academic requirements with the Board of Behavioral Sciences for licensed marriage and family therapists (MFT) and licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCC). The program prepares students for the MFT/LPCC exams and licenses and for competitive doctoral studies in psychology or related fields (law, social work, education) including supporting students to become clinical, experimental, developmental, or social psychologists.

Benefits of this Two-Plus-Three Program

- Articulation agreements in which six units with the Chair's approval can count toward degree requirements in both programs, saving both time and money.
- Convenience of remaining within one institution with classes offered at similar working adult hours: late afternoon, evening, weekend.
- Easy enrollment process.
- Expedited admissions process.
- Human Services Community Service work that provides excellent preparation for clinical psychology's year-long practicum training.
- A Graduate Clinical Psychology Capstone or Thesis Research that can build upon the Human Service Social Research Project or upon the Human Services capstone project.
- Increased job opportunities in multiple fields.

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