



Central to Exploring Human Nature.

Central's MA in Psychology offers a dynamic opportunity to deepen your understanding of human behavior, advance your research and analytic skills, and position yourself for a rewarding career in research or a variety of human services fields. Work with your advisor to develop a personalized program of study that respects your interests, works with your schedule, and equips you to make a difference. Whether your passion lies in individual wellness, community systems, or health behavior — there's a place for you at Central.

Program Options

- **Community:** Develop skills to conduct research or be an active practitioner in a variety of research and community organizations. Learn and practice community-based participatory, ecological, and mixed-method approaches through coursework and internships. Prepare for work that will increase empowerment and advance social justice among various communities.
- **Health:** Understand the biological, behavioral, and social factors of health and illness. Develop interventions to foster health (e.g., prep work for biofeedback technician certification). Prepare for work in human services, non-profit organizations, primary care and other medical settings, and/or go on to doctoral programs in Health Psychology.
- **General:** Highly flexible program allows you to tailor your course selection to follow your individual interests in the field. Rigorous entry-level training prepares you to pursue your doctorate in Psychology or another field.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 36- to 39-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Access to experienced faculty invested in your success
- Research labs including:
 - Applied Developmental Physiological Lab
 - Biofeedback Lab for Research and Teaching
 - Health, Disease, and Well- Being within Communities Research (HDWC Research) Lab
 - Research and Evaluation Advancing Community Health (REACH) Lab
 - Sexual and Gender Minority Stress and Health Lab
 - Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab (SCAN-LAB)
- Internship opportunities at nearby institutions and agencies including:
 - Connecticut Children's Medical Center
 - Mercy Halfway House
 - Prudence Crandall Center for Women
 - University of Connecticut Health Center
 - Whiting Forensic Institute
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required



What You'll Gain

- Advanced skills to comprehend, design, and conduct rigorous academic research
- Proficiency summarizing and critically evaluating scholarly literature
- Sharpened thinking and methodological tools
- Expertise within an area of psychology
- Scholarly presentation abilities including writing articles and publishing in wpeer-reviewed academic journals and presenting at professional conferences
- Capacity to critically analyze and integrate psychological theory in applied and real-life situations
- Skills to enrich people's lives and well-being
- Professional preparedness
- Ability to pursue doctoral study at some of the top universities in the country



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Program Contact

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Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

Required:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Essay describing:
 - Professional goals
 - Research or training experiences that helped you prepare for the psychology program
 - Three reference letters (two from academic sources preferred)
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (minimum GPA of 2.70 on a 4.00 scale and 3.00 GPA in all post-baccalaureate course work)

Preferred:

1. A BA/BS degree in Psychology or related field
2. 18+ credits in psychology
3. Grade of B or higher in Statistics and Research Methods
4. Grade point average of 3.00 or higher in psychology courses

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

