

# PSYCHOLOGY, CLINICAL COMMUNITY

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Department Website (<http://www.psych.sc.edu/>)

Jane Roberts, *Department Chair*

## Graduate Directors

Each graduate director chairs the graduate faculty committee responsible for degrees in a given area.

Bret Kloos, *Director, Clinical-Community*

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## Overview

The Department of Psychology offers programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. There are three graduate programs in the department, including clinical-community psychology, experimental psychology, and school psychology. Faculty in all three areas are available to each graduate student in every program. Detailed information concerning each of these programs (including details of admission procedures and degree requirements not included in this bulletin) may be obtained directly from the department, the director of each graduate program, and the graduate admissions office.

The clinical-community psychology program offers the Ph.D. degree for students who seek to be clinical scientists and researchers/scholars. In addition to formal courses, supervised training in diagnosis and intervention, and supervised research experience, the program offers a wide range of clinical skills and community-based intervention experiences. Applicants for the Ph.D. program in clinical-community psychology who do not already have a research-based master's degree in psychology are required to earn the M.A. in Psychology in the course of earning their Ph.D. degrees. Graduates are employed in providing services within public and private institutions and service organizations, are engaged in independent practice as psychologists, and are employed as faculty members in colleges and universities. The program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association as a doctoral program in clinical psychology.

The Department of Psychology also participates in the Certificate Program in Gerontology, which is administered by The College of Social Work, and in the Certificate Program in Drug and Addiction Studies, which is administered by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. These certificates are interdisciplinary in nature and are open to qualified graduate students in psychology and other participating departments.

It is important to note that graduate training in psychology includes all of the following: core content courses in the discipline, training and supervision in delivery and application of professional skills, and integration of these components as part of a formal program. Although didactic courses are open, under appropriate conditions, to students not in the psychology degree programs, such students do not have access to professional skills courses and practica or to the integrative program as mentioned. This is to clarify that individual course work is a necessary component of professional training, but such course work is not appropriate for professional applications unless taken by a degree-seeking student in one of the graduate programs in psychology.