

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Guidelines for Admission

The preferred preparation for a doctoral program in psychology is an undergraduate major in psychology or equivalent. This would include recent/current classes in statistics and research methods as well as laboratory courses. A solid background in areas such as mathematics, biological, and social sciences is useful and appropriate. In addition, research experience is particularly desirable for Ph.D. candidates. In the case of clinical psychology, field experience also may be of interest. It is strongly recommended that applicants have recent exposure and experience with SPSS.

NOTE: Should an applicant not have an undergraduate major in psychology, admission considerations for any of the psychology graduate programs will be at the discretion of the Department of Psychology Admissions Committee.

Recommended GPA and GRE Scores:

For applicants applying to our graduate programs in Psychology (the Ph.D. Clinical Program and the Psy.D. Clinical Psychology Program, the following **minimum criteria** is required in order to be considered for a pre-admission interview: *(there are no exceptions to the minimum criteria)*.

- An undergraduate **GPA** of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- **Verbal and Quantitative Scores, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test:** The sum of the GRE Verbal and Quantitative **percentile rankings** must equal or exceed 100. A percentile ranking in either category, cannot be below the 35th percentile. Only the most current GRE scores are admissible (exam must have been taken within the last 5 years and the most recent dated exam will be considered).
- **Writing Assessment, GRE General Test:** The GRE Writing Assessment score must equal or exceed 4.0.
- **Structured Pre-admission Interview by Invitation:** The psychology department requires a structured pre-admissions interview.
- **Recommendation Letters:** 3 letters of recommendation from professionals unrelated to the applicant and qualified to assess the applicant's potential for graduate education. Current or previous professors are required.
- **The Psychology Subject Examination IS NOT required!**