

# The Graduate School Search

*Where Do I Look?*

Finding a graduate program that aligns with your interests and fits your needs is important. Use the search engines and directories below as a starting point to help you narrow your selection and make an informed decision about applying to graduate school.

Area of Interest	Website	Description
Clinical Psychology	Visit <a href="http://www.apa.org/index.aspx">http://www.apa.org/index.aspx</a> . Then, at the top of the page, choose the Education tab → “Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation” (In box on right hand of page) → “Search Accredited Programs Now”	Search for accredited doctoral-level clinical psychology programs by country and state.
Counseling Psychology	Visit <a href="http://www.apa.org/index.aspx">http://www.apa.org/index.aspx</a> . Then, at the top of the page, choose the Education tab → “Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation” (In box on right hand of page) → “Search Accredited Programs Now”	Search for accredited doctoral-level counseling psychology programs by country and state.
Counseling/Therapy	<a href="http://www.cacrep.org/directory/">http://www.cacrep.org/directory/</a>	Search for accredited counseling/therapy programs by state, degree type (master’s or doctoral), program characteristics (public, private, online), and area (addiction counseling, career counseling, clinical mental health counseling, community counseling, gerontological counseling, marriage/family therapy, school counseling, student affairs).
Higher Education Administration/Student Affairs	<a href="https://www.naspa.org/careers/graduate/graduate-program-directory">https://www.naspa.org/careers/graduate/graduate-program-directory</a>	Search for graduate programs in higher education and student affairs by institution or program criteria, including location; institution type (public or private), size, and setting; degree type (master’s or doctoral); residency (on-campus, online, both); area of focus; options to defray costs; GRE requirements; and program requirements.
Industrial/Organizational Psychology	<a href="http://www.siop.org/ioprograms.aspx">http://www.siop.org/ioprograms.aspx</a>	Explore a comprehensive list of graduate-level industrial/organizational psychology programs.
Physician Assistant	<a href="http://directory.paeonline.org/">http://directory.paeonline.org/</a>	Explore a comprehensive list of physician assistant (PA) programs.
Rehabilitation Counseling	Visit <a href="http://www.cacrep.org/directory/">http://www.cacrep.org/directory/</a>	Explore a comprehensive list of master’s rehabilitation counselor education programs by state. For program type, choose “masters”, and for masters program type, choose “rehabilitation counseling.”
School Psychology	<a href="http://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/graduate-program-approval/nasp-approved-programs">http://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/graduate-program-approval/nasp-approved-programs</a>	Explore a comprehensive list of graduate-level school psychology programs.

## ***Are you interested in a Ph.D. psychology program?***

**For nearly every Ph.D. psychology program, you will be working with a faculty member on various research projects in his or her lab. Accordingly, the match between you and your advisor is extremely important. To begin searching for faculty who might be a good fit, consider the following search methods:**

- Search for your areas of interest on Google Scholar (i.e. eating disorders in young adults, rumination, etc.), and explore some articles whose focus aligns with your interests. Then, identify the authors of these articles and research the universities where they teach and the programs with which they are affiliated (i.e. clinical, cognitive, developmental, etc.).
- Request a faculty advisor from our department and ask for the names of the best researchers in his or her field. Visit this page to learn more about faculty advising and the process for how to request a faculty advisor: <http://www.kent.edu/psychology/facultyadvising>
- When deciding whether to apply to work with a psychology faculty member, take into consideration how many publications he or she has, whether the publications are in reputable journals, and whether the graduate students in his or her lab are also authors on his or her publications (Consult with your faculty advisor to help evaluate these criteria).