

University Receives Accreditation for Doctor of Psychology Program

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Georgia Southern University today announced the American Psychological Association's Council on Accreditation has formally accredited the University's Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D) program in [Clinical Psychology](#).

"The Psychology Department's achievement of accreditation for the Psy.D program provides the program and the Department with

significant national recognition," said Jean Bartels, Ph.D., provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "This prestigious accreditation will provide current and future students with the assurance that their program is of the highest quality and has recognition which will open doors for internships and employment after graduation."

The doctorate program originated from a longstanding and dire need for licensed psychologists in rural, underserved areas of the South, and the United States. Students are taught to become generalists who will be effective in the delivery of psychotherapy, psychological assessment and psychological consultation services in rural areas. The curriculum strives to create and maintain a dynamic, integrative and hands-on program that emphasizes behavioral, cognitive, humanistic, and other approaches to therapy.

"This accreditation is a tremendous stamp of approval for the psychology program and faculty. It is the American Psychological Association's way of indicating that the education our students receive meets the high standards of the profession, and that our graduates are well-prepared to be licensed psychologists," says Michael Nielsen, Ph.D., chair of Psychology. "Accreditation is further evidence that our faculty and staff are doing great work on behalf of our students, the community, and the state."

This program is one of several doctorate programs students may study at Georgia Southern University.

For more information, visit the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at class.georgiasouthern.edu/psychology.

[Georgia Southern University](#), a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125-degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education.

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