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SONHP Program Evaluation Committee 2022-2023 Annual Program Evaluation Report

SONHP Program: Clinical Psychology PsyD Program

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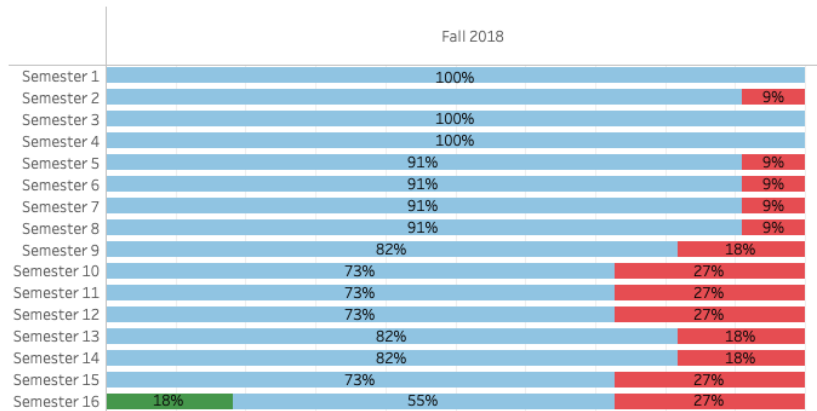
1. Aggregate Student Outcomes

a. Retention and Graduation rates

The Clinical Psychology PsyD Program, which accepted its inaugural students (Cohort 1) in Fall 2013, is a 5-year program; the first 4 years of the program are completed at the hilltop campus of USF and the 5th year of the program is a full-time clinical internship completed at another institution, typically a hospital or community mental health clinic, identified through a national selection process that occurs during the student's 4th year in the program. Students who matriculated in Fall 2018 (Cohort 6) and, if they completed the program in 5 years (15-16 semesters), would graduate in Summer or Fall 2023 and be counted as a graduate in semester 16 and be counted as a graduate in semester 16 or 17, respectively. The end date of a student's 5th year clinical internship varies based on their training site which is external to USF, and thus students whose internship year ends after August 31st but before December 31st who have completed all other program requirements by semester 15 are still considered to have graduated on time, even though their degree is not conferred until semester 16, and thus are counted as a graduate in semester 17 according to the Tableau report.

Cohort 6 was made up of 11 students at entry. A total of one student left the program at the end of the fourth semester. Unfortunately, one student in this cohort passed away unexpectedly after their eighth semester. The remaining nine students were actively enrolled in the program in 2022-2023. Therefore, the PsyD Program's **retention rate is 81%** for students due to graduate during Summer/Fall of 2023. A total of 4 of these 9 students (44%) will graduate "on time" in semester 15 or 16. Two of these four students graduated in August 2023 and two will graduate in December 2023, which is reflected in

Reg	Grad	Not Reg
11		
10		1
11		
11		
10		1
10		1
10		1
10		1
9		2
8		3
8		3
8		3
9		2
9		2
8		3
6	2	3



the chart below. The remaining 5 students (56%) are on alternate degree progression plans due to delays in completing their dissertation (n = 3) a leave of absence at some point in their training (n = 2).

b. Time to Degree

The median time to degree of all students who graduated during the 2022-2023 (Counted as Fall, Spring Summer = Dec 22, May 23, Aug 23 graduates; n = 13) academic year was 6 years, which is **slightly above** the national **median** of 5.9 years. The Clinical Psychology PsyD program is designed to be completed in five years, which is typical of Clinical Psychology doctoral programs nationally.

23% (n = 3) of graduates in the 2022-2023 academic year graduated on time in semesters 15 or 16. Seventy-six percent (n = 10) of graduates in the 2022-23 academic year were delayed in their graduation due to various reasons: course failures (n = 2), not meeting 3rd year program milestones on time (n = 5), not matching to clinical internship at first attempt (n = 1), matching at a 2-year part-time clinical internship (n = 1), and completion of dissertation following completion of internship (n = 1).

c. Academic Progression Requirements

The Doctoral Comprehensive Qualifying Exam (DCQE) is a multiple-choice exam that is administered during year 3 of the Clinical Psychology PsyD program. This exam assesses student competency in abnormal psychology, clinical psychology, ethics and professional issues, lifespan development, physiological psychology, psychological assessment, statistics and research design, diversity, community psychology, and social psychology. Students must receive a passing score in all domains of 60% or higher in order to pass the exam. Students have up to two additional opportunities to pass domains that were not passed at a 60% or higher threshold at the initial administration. If a student fails the third attempt of the exam, they are recommended for disqualification from the Clinical Psychology PsyD program.

Below are the outcomes of the exam for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Year	# Students (anticipated)	# Test Takers (attempters)	Passed Initial Exam	Passed First Remediation	Passed Second Remediation	Overall pass rate
2023	13	13	5	7	1	100%

d. Licensure and Certification Rates

Graduates of the Clinical Psychology PsyD program are expected to obtain a psychology license in order to practice psychology in their state. Graduates typically receive their psychology license 1-3 years after graduation due to varying post-doctoral training and state requirements.

OUTCOME	2013-2023
The total number of program graduates (doctoral degrees conferred on transcript) between 2 and 10 years ago	38
The number of these graduates (between 2 and 10 years ago) who became licensed psychologists in the past 10 years	25
Licensure percentage	66%

2. Assessment of Student Learning

a. a. What aspect of student learning in your program did you assess?

The PsyD program completed an extensive self-study in June 2022 in preparation for an accreditation site visit in 2022-23. Part of this self-study involved a comprehensive assessment of students' profession-wide competencies and discipline-specific knowledge as defined by the program's accreditor, the American Psychological Association. Proximal student outcomes were assessed across a number of measures including course grades, performance on comprehensive exams, ratings on clinical evaluations, and performance on the dissertation. Please refer to the PsyD Program Self-Study, Standard II for a complete description of program aims, competencies, curriculum, and outcomes, and specifically, the Proximal Data Table (Appendix II.D.1.a.2.1) for specific information about student outcomes.