**Admission Requirements**

Courses in the following areas:

- General Psychology (3)
- Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Behavioral Statistics (3)
- Personality, social, cognitive or developmental psychology (3)

*Students must have earned a grade of "B" or better in all prerequisites except general psychology. These courses cannot be used to meet the formal elective requirements for the degree as defined below.*

- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00.

**Non-immigrant International Students**

*Program Enrollment:* F-1 and J-1 students are required to be enrolled full-time. The majority of their classes must be in-person and on campus. See the list of programs that satisfy these requirements (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/international/programs-complying1-f1-regulations.html), and contact the International Student and Scholars Office (https://www.towson.edu/academics/international/isso) with questions.

*Admission Procedures:* See additional information regarding Graduate Admission policies (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/policies.html) and International Graduate Application (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/international/online).

**Degree Requirements**

Students may choose between the Researcher and Practitioner options. Students pursuing either option must complete 48 units of required and elective coursework including a research project (see below for details).
and a two-term, 500-hour field placement. Students may need to take summer courses to meet the program requirements.

**Researcher vs. Practitioner Options**

Students in both options must complete the 36 units of required coursework. Additional requirements for each of the options are noted below.

**Researcher Option**

Students electing to pursue the Researcher option will work with a faculty member to complete an empirical thesis. Students must take a total of 6 units of thesis credits; students may either take PSYC 897 for 6 units in one term or PSYC 898 for 3 units over two terms. Students must also take 6 units of elective credit.

**NOTE**: Students must remain continuously enrolled in a Thesis course until all thesis requirements have been completed and must be enrolled in thesis credits during the term in which they plan to graduate. Students who have taken all 6 units of thesis credit and who have not completed the thesis requirements must take PSYC 899 (Thesis Continuum) for 1-unit during each subsequent term until the thesis requirements are complete.

**Practitioner Option**

Students electing to pursue the Practitioner option will work with the program director and internship coordinator to complete a capstone clinical presentation integrating theory, evidence based research, and clinical intervention techniques that they have learned and used with one client during their clinical internship year. These presentations will be open to students and faculty within the program and will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis by the program director and internship coordinator. Students will have one opportunity to re-do their presentation if it was not acceptable the first time. In addition, students in the practitioner option will be required to take PSYC 730, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy. Students must also take 9 units of elective credit.

**Electives**

Elective course work is chosen by the student from within or outside the field of psychology. These courses are expected to complement the program of study and require prior written consent of the program director.

**Field Placement Requirement**

The practicum and internship carry with them a residency requirement of two terms. The student must be available for a 16-hour per week placement in a clinical or research setting. All students must obtain the grade of “B” or better in Practicum in Clinical Psychology (PSYC 697) and Internship in Clinical Psychology (PSYC 797). Students earning a grade lower than “B” in either course may repeat the entire sequence no more than one time. Failure to earn a “B” or higher in both courses will result in dismissal from the program.

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**Researcher/Practitioner Options**

Select one of the following options: 12

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6 units of Electives

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9 units of Electives

**Total Units**: 48

*NOTE*: Students may choose to take an optional 1 unit of PSYC 697 (Practicum in Psychology) over the Winter term. This option is available so that the hours accrued at the field placement during the Winter term can be counted toward the total hours required for LCPC licensure (i.e., hours may only be counted toward the total hours required for licensure if the students is enrolled in a practicum or internship course).

1. Employ research methods appropriate to the discipline;
2. Demonstrate basic discipline-specific skills and competencies;
3. Demonstrate competency in acquiring and processing information in the search for understanding.