



ACADEMIC ALERT #2008-14

DATE: July 2008

DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Ph.D. in Community Psychology

RATIONALE:

The Ph.D. in Community Psychology aims to develop students' skills in working with communities. The types of students who enter this program are interested in working within a community setting to address social problems including, but not limited to, teen pregnancy, child abuse, substance abuse and crime. Students with a Ph.D. in Community Psychology will be equipped with the research skills necessary to support communities and social service agencies in their attempts to address such problems from a unique vantage point. Students will understand how to view individuals in the context of family, community and society. They will be equipped with the ability to consider these various levels of influence and to build upon the strengths within the community to alleviate issues defined by the community. The community psychologist facilitates an empowerment process that leads to sustainable results for the community.

The program is designed to offer the methodological training necessary to adhere to quality research standards. This scientific rigor is balanced with the development of strong facilitator skills necessary to truly partner effectively with communities. Individuals who earn a Ph.D. in Community Psychology from NLU can expect to find employment in traditional academic settings as well as in social service agencies, governmental agencies, grass roots organizations, research centers, non-profit agencies or establish and run their own non-profit.

APPROVALS: Senate Academic Planning Committee: October 18, 2007

Faculty Senate: November 21, 2007

Interim Provost December 12, 2007

Higher Learning Commission's Institutional Actions Council: June 27, 2008

Higher Learning Commission's Board of Trustees: July 3, 2008

(Approval is limited to the Ph.D. in Community Psychology program.)

Program Authorizations: The Ph.D. in Community Psychology program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Winter Term, 2009

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Admission Process and Criteria

- The deadline for application to the Ph.D. in Community Psychology program is April 15th annually for a fall term start. For the first cohort group anticipated to begin Winter Term, 2009, the application deadline is October 15th (a one-time only deadline).
- Completed application form.
- Non-refundable application fee.
- Official transcripts showing completion of a master's degree in psychology or related field. Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution must be verified.
- GRE Verbal and Quantitative scores.
- Three professional letters of recommendation.
- Personal statement describing the applicant's expectations of the program and core beliefs regarding the role of community psychologists.
- A written statement reflecting the applicant's research interest (800 words).
- Master's thesis; applicants without a master's thesis will be considered for admission but are required to complete a thesis or thesis equivalent.
- Faculty interview.

Ph.D. Community Psychology; 67 SH for the Degree
The 67 SH degree sequence is for students who have completed a thesis
or thesis equivalent prior to admission.

TERM	Course Prefix	Course Title	SH
Term I	LAP 600	Introductory Seminar on Community Psychology	1
	LAP 605	Principles of Community Psychology	3
	LAP 610	Prevention and Intervention Methods in Community Psychology	3
Term II	LAP 670	Advanced Cross-Cultural Communication	3
	LAS 665	Urban Politics and the Community	3
Term III	LAS 620	Advanced Community Development Planning and Policy	3
	LAP 650	Principles of Consultation in the Community	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term IV	LAP 625	Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Community Psychology	3
	LAP 630	Advanced Qualitative Methodology In Community Psychology	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term V	LAP 635	Statistics for Community Psychology	3
	LAP 640	Survey Methodology	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term VI	LAS 660	Advanced Leadership and Organizational Change	3
	LAP 645	Media Advocacy and Social Marketing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term VII	LAP 693	Seminar in Program Evaluation	3
	LAP 615	Community Organizing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term VIII	LAP 698	Dissertation Proposal Seminar	3
	LAP 655	Resource Development and Grant Writing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term IX	LAP 699A	Dissertation I	3
	LAP 690 A	Internship I	3
Term X	LAP 699B	Dissertation II	3
	LAP 690 B	Internship II	3
		Total Hours	67

Ph.D. Community Psychology; 70 SH for the Degree

The 70 SH degree sequence is for students who did not complete a thesis prior to admission and must complete one in order to continue to Term IV with their cohort.

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Term I	LAP 600	Introductory Seminar on Community Psychology	1
	LAP 605	Principles of Community Psychology	3
	LAP 610	Prevention and Intervention Methods in Community Psychology	3
	LAP 599	Thesis	1
Term II	LAP 670	Advanced Cross-Cultural Communication	3
	LAS 665	Urban Politics and the Community	3
	LAP 599	Thesis	1
Term III	LAS 620	Advanced Community Development Planning and Policy	3
	LAP 650	Principles of Consultation in the Community	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
	LAP 599	Thesis	1
Term IV	LAP 625	Advanced Quantitative Methodology in Community Psychology	3
	LAP 630	Advanced Qualitative Methodology in Community Psychology	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term V	LAP 635	Statistics for Community Psychology	3
	LAP 640	Survey Methodology	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
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	LAP 645	Media Advocacy and Social Marketing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term VII	LAP 693	Seminar in Program Evaluation	3
	LAP 615	Community Organizing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term VIII	LAP 698	Dissertation Proposal Seminar	3
	LAP 655	Resource Development and Grant Writing	3
	LAP 689	Externship in Community Psychology	1
Term IX	LAP 699A	Dissertation I	3
	LAP 690 A	Internship I	3
Term X	LAP 699B	Dissertation II	3
	LAP 690 B	Internship II	3
		Total Hours	70

Implementation

The new degree program needs to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

An application form needs to be designed, and marketing materials need to be developed and added to NLU's website.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2009-2010.