

Counseling Psychology PhD Program of Study **2026** - (Revised **2026-9-21**)

This POS is approved by Major Professor and Student when the signatures of both are present in the designated space below. Dated signatures are needed on their newly approved Year 1 POS and if/when significant changes are made to the POS (e.g., adding or dropping a class). Signatures not needed for minor updates (e.g., listing earned grades).

Student's Name:

Student's Signature as of [insert date here]:

Major Professor's Name:

Major Professor's Signature as of [insert date here]:

Advisory Committee Members' Names as of [insert date here]:

Instructions

- 1) To determine what courses are likely to be offered during which upcoming semesters, view the EDP Course Schedule (ask faculty for view-only link).
- 2) Update the Course Scheduling Table further down this document every time you update this POS, to make sure your course load remains feasible. You don't want to take more than four 3-credit courses at a time. Pre-master's students can wait until their post-master's PhD year 1 to fill out this PhD Program of Study, as they should concentrate on completing the Master's Program of Study during their first two years at UK.
- 3) Unless otherwise denoted below (e.g., 765, 757, 676, 607), all courses are to be taken as 3 credits, including practicum courses.
- 4) For advice on when to take 765 vs 757 vs 767, see the Research subsection of the Program Milestones and Adequate Progress Criteria section of the Handbook.
- 5) EDP 607 is taken student's first year at UK, regardless of whether they are pre-master's or post-masters. EDP 642 is typically taken the fall semester and EDP 640 during the spring semester of the student's first year as a post-master's student in the doctoral program.
- 6) EDP 708 is taken for 3 credits in the fall semester of the year the student is applying for pre-doctoral internship. EDP 708 is taken for 0 credits in the subsequent spring, summer, fall, spring, and summer semesters by domestic students, whereas international students enroll in 0 credits of EDP 709 instead.
- 7) EDP 605, EDP 650, EDP 652, and EDP 688 are pre-requisites to EDP 665, EDP 640, EDP 642, EDP 703, EDP 704, and EDP 705. EDP 558 is the prerequisite to EDP 660. EDP 660 is the prerequisite to EDP 679. It is recommended that EDP 679 be taken prior to taking EDP 711 or 712, if relevant.
- 8) This form outlines the minimum course requirements for the Ph.D. In some cases, a student's Advisory Committee (AC) will require one or more additional courses that will facilitate specific skills that the student needs to successfully complete the program (e.g., Dissertation) and/or be competitive for jobs in their chosen career path. List the course number and name when adding new courses to this document.

Discipline-Specific Knowledge (DSK) (30 credits)	Course	Taken Elsewhere/ Semester, Year, and Grade	Completed at UK/ Semester, Year, and Grade	To be completed at UK (Semester, Year)
Developmental Aspects of Behavior <i>And</i> Affective Bases of Behavior	EDP 600 Life Span Human Development and Behavior			
Cognitive Aspects of Behavior	EDP 603 Human Cognitive Development			
Social Aspects of Behavior	EDP 513 Social Psychological Issues in Education			
Advanced Integrative Knowledge	EDP 705 Substance Abuse Treatment in Counseling Psychology			
History & Systems	EDP 533 History and Systems of Psychology			
Biological Aspects of Behavior	EDP 617 Physiological Psychology for Applied Psychology Professionals			
Psychometrics	EDP 679 Introduction to Measurement Theory and Techniques			

Quantitative Methods	EDP 558 Gathering, Analyzing, And Using Educational Data II			
Quantitative Methods	EDP 660 Research Design and Analysis in Education			
Research Methods	EDP 656 Methodology of Educational Research			

Profession-Wide Competencies (PWC) and Program Specific Competency (PSC) (≥59 credits)	Course	Taken Elsewhere/ Semester, Year, and Grade	Completed at UK/ Semester, Year, and Grade	To be completed at UK (Semester, Year)
Research	EDP 765* Independent Study in Counseling Psychology (I; 1 Credit) (i.e., Doctoral Research Seminar)			
Research	EDP 765* Independent Study in Counseling Psychology (II; 1 Credit) (i.e., Doctoral Research Seminar)			
Research	EDP 765* Independent Study in Counseling Psychology (III; 1 Credit) (i.e., Doctoral Research Seminar)			
Research	EDP 765* Independent Study in Counseling Psychology (IV; 1 Credit) * (i.e., Doctoral Research Seminar)			
Research	EDP 757* Qualifying Exam Residency Credit (2 Credits) (see instructions)			
Research	EDP 767* Dissertation Residency Credit (2 Credits) (see instructions)			
n/a	EDP 607* Graduate Student Professional Seminar (1 Credit)			
Ethical and legal standards	EDP 688 Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychology			
Individual and cultural diversity ¹	EDP 616 Multicultural Psychology			
Assessment	EDP 650 Diagnosis and Psychopathology in Counseling Psychology			
Assessment	EDP 642 Individual Assessment of Personality Functioning			
Assessment	EDP 640 Individual Assessment of Cognitive Functioning			
Intervention	EDP 605 Introduction to Counseling: Techniques			
Intervention	EDP 652 Theories of Counseling			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors	EDP 666 Vocational, Career, and Professional Issues in Counseling Psychology			
Intervention	EDP 649 Group Counseling			
Supervision	EDP 703 Seminar in Clinical Supervision			
Consultation and inter-professional/interdisciplinary skills	EDP 704 Social Justice Community Engagement, Consultation, And Evaluation			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [*]	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Beginning Practicum I)			

Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [‡]	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Beginning Practicum II)			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [‡] ; Supervision	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Intermediate Practicum I)			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [‡]	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Intermediate Practicum II)			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [‡]	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Advanced Practicum I)			
Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors [‡]	EDP 665* Practicum in Counseling Psychology (Advanced Practicum II)			
n/a	EDP 708* Internship in Educational, School and Counseling Psychology (<i>Internship Preparation</i> ; Enroll 3 credits in Fall and 0 credits in Spring during internship application year)			
All PWCs	EDP 708 (if domestic student) or 709 (if international student) - Internship in Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology (<i>Internship Itself</i> ; Enroll 0 Credits the summer in which internship starts, the fall and spring of internship, and the summer in which internship ends)			

[‡] Practicum supervisor evaluations serve as measures of multiple PWCs/PSC.

¹ Profession-Wide Competencies Language drawn from page 9 of the APA Standards of Accreditation (document found on this page: <https://accreditation.apa.org/policies>).

* Denotes courses that *must* be completed at UK and cannot be waived on the basis of prior-institution coursework.

Course Scheduling Table (see [EDP Course Schedule](#) for ideas on what to take when) for Post-Master's Students who completed 2 years of core MS coursework

Semester	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Milestone Work
Fall 2026	665 Intermediate Practicum I	642	650?		765-X	607	Research Portfolio Prep
Spring 2027	665 Intermediate Practicum II	640	649/666?	688/616/704	765-X		Research Portfolio Prep
Fall 2027	665 Advanced Practicum I				765-X		Research Portfolio Submitted
Spring 2028	665 Advanced Practicum II		649/666?		765-X		Qualifying Exam Prep
Fall 2028	665 Advanced Optional Prac?			703	757-X or 765-X		Dissertation Proposal Prep
Spring 2029	665 Advanced Optional Prac?			704	767-X		Dissertation Proposed
Fall 2029	665 Advanced Optional Prac?	708-001 (3 cred)			767-X		Applying for Internship & Dissertation Prep
Spring 2030	665 Advanced Optional Prac?	708 (0 cred)			767-X		Dissertation Defended
Fall 2030	Internship (708/709 for 0 cred)						On Internship
Spring 2031	Internship (708/709 for 0 cred)						On Internship

Program Milestones Table

Instructions: Update the Completion Date column during each annual review. Years in Completion Date columns refer to post-master's years in the PhD program proper.			
Program Milestones	Suggested Completion Date	Required Completion Date	Completion Date (e.g., 4/1/22)
Program of Study (POS) Approved	Year 1 November	Year 1 Spring	
Research Portfolio <i>Initial</i> Submission		Year 2 November 1	
Research Portfolio Approved	Year 2 March 1	Year 2 Spring	
Formalize Advisory Committee (AC) with Graduate School	Year 2 October	Year 2 Fall	
Meet with AC for Qualifying Exam (QE) <i>planning meeting</i>	Year 2 March	Year 2 Spring	
Complete QE <i>written examination</i> during 6-week writing period		Year 2 Summer	
Meet with AC to complete QE <i>oral examination</i>	Year 3 September	Year 3 October	
Dissertation Proposal first full rough draft submitted to Major Professor		Year 3 December 1	
Meet with AC to get Dissertation Proposal approved	Year 3 February	Year 3 Spring	
Collect & Analyze Dissertation Data	Year 3 Summer		
Apply for Internship (preparations start May prior and interviews end by subsequent January)		Year 4 Fall	
Dissertation full strong draft submitted to Major Professor	Year 4 January 15		
Meet with AC to defend Dissertation (remember to submit GS scheduling forms on time)	Year 4 Spring	Year 5 Spring	
Participate in co-authored presentation for professional audience	Year 3 Summer	Year 4 Summer	
Participate in co-authored publication for professional audience	Year 5 Spring	Year 5 Summer	
Complete Internship (typically starts Year 4 Summer and ends Year 5 Summer)	Year 5 Summer	Year 5 Summer	