

## Diversity and Social Justice

Understanding and appreciating individual and cultural differences, engaging in social change, and promoting advocacy are core aspects of the program. TSU's history as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) uniquely positions the program to view research and practice through a cultural and contextual lens. Our students and faculty support diversity, social change, and advocacy through coursework, community service, practicum training, and outreach presentations and workshops delivered to community agencies that represent underserved populations. Moreover, our program values and celebrates diversity in religion, orientation, ethnicity, ability, gender, and other areas.

## Supporting Diversity

### Graduate Coursework in Diversity:

- PSYC 5580: Multicultural Counseling, Theory, and Practice

### Diversity Related Activities:

- Climate Survey
- Diversity and Social Justice Colloquium
- Opportunities for Peer Mentoring
- Brown Bag Series
- Graduate Psychology Student Organization
  - Annual Suicide Walk
  - Community service events



## Employment Opportunities

Graduates from the program will complete the required courses to pursue licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Tennessee. Our program offers students the opportunity to learn about the influences on human behavior from faculty with those specialties (i.e., cognitive and biological basis of behavior).

## Tennessee State University

TSU is a comprehensive, urban, coeducational land grant university founded in 1912. The 450-acre main campus, with more than 65 buildings, is located in a residential setting. The Avon Williams Campus is located in downtown Nashville, near the center of the business and government district.

Located in the state capital and second largest city in Tennessee, Nashville is a thriving center of government, business, industry, and education. Nashville, considered the hub of the nation's country music industry, is also home to the Tennessee Titans NFL football team and the Nashville Predators NHL hockey team.

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# M.S. in Psychology



Counseling Psychology Concentration

Tennessee State University



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## Counseling Psychology Program

**Mission:** To provide a solid psychological core with a focus on emotional, social, vocational, health and educational issues across the lifespan.

**Training Model:** Graduate training in Counseling Psychology at TSU is based on the scientist-practitioner model. The integration of research and practice is a central theme of counseling psychology. Recognizing the value of practice and research, the program offers a thesis and non-thesis option.

### **Program Goals:**

- The Program facilitates the development of lifelong, self-reflective professional behavior and cultivation of a holistic and contextual worldview.
- The Program facilitates the development of effective skills in clinical application, research methodologies, and professional interactions with individuals and groups.
- The Program facilitates the awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary to address the broadly defined issues of multiculturalism and human diversity.
- The Program facilitates the commitment to advocacy, social justice, and systems change.



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## Two Tracks

TSU offers a thesis and non-thesis option. Those who are interested in pursuing doctoral studies can choose to create an original research document that will provide valuable research experience (thesis option). Those who are interested primarily in practice can choose an elective requiring comparable commitment (non-thesis option).

Tennessee State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA, 30033-4097, 404-679-4500] to award the Associate, Bachelor, Master, Specialist in Education, and Doctoral degrees.

## Research

Students who are interested in gaining research experience can partner with one of the core faculty members in that faculty's area of interest.

### **Faculty Research Interests:**

Dr. James Brooks - Romantic relationships, culture, and race

Dr. James Campbell - Exploring family dynamics and relationships

Dr. Marie Hammond - STEM career development, vocational identity, and personality

Dr. Robin Oatis-Ballew - Work-life balance, women and success, multicultural training

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## Admissions Requirements

All students applying to the program should meet the following requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree (preferably in psychology or have taken the courses listed on the [program webpage](#))
- Obtain transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate level coursework.
- Have a minimum graduate GPA of 2.5.
- GRE score 870 or higher OR a MAT 370 or higher for unconditional admittance

## How to Apply

All applicants should submit two copies of ALL of the following information in a single envelope directly to the Graduate School:

- Three letters of recommendation – one of which should be from an academic advisor or his/her designee
- A letter of aspiration (personal statement) indicating why the applicant has chosen to pursue a degree in this area along with his or her academic and career goals.
- A copy of all undergraduate transcripts should also be submitted with the application.

There is a non-refundable \$35 application fee.

**Applications are due February 1.** Eligible applicants will be contacted for an interview to occur during March.

For additional information, visit:

<http://www.tnstate.edu/psychology/masters-counseling.aspx>