

Ferkauf Admissions FAQs



Pre-Application Preparation

- Can I apply without having completed all my prerequisite courses?
 - Yes, if an applicant is accepted and chooses to attend a program, they are expected to complete their outstanding prerequisite requirements prior to beginning class in the fall semester. Prerequisites can be completed at an accredited institution. Online institution credits are not acceptable.
- Is a Masters Degree required for admission?
 - No, a student can apply to any of our doctoral programs directly from having earned a bachelor's degree. In some cases, a Master's degree is advised as good way for prospective applicants to develop more experience (both clinical and research) in the field.
- Do I have to have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in psychology in order to apply and be accepted to your Master's or Doctoral programs?
 - No, Ferkauf accepts and considers applications from applicants of diverse academic backgrounds. However, for all those applicants from non-psychology (or other related fields) academic backgrounds, we require that they fulfill all our listed prerequisite courses prior to beginning class in the fall semester, if accepted. Please see "Pre-application Information" on the Admissions page for the list of prerequisites.

Application Process

- Can I apply to more than one doctoral program?
 - No, applications will only be accepted for **one doctoral** program per yearly admissions cycle. Applicants are welcome to apply to both 1 doctoral program and the Mental Health Counseling program. (*See application for details*).
- Does my secondary application to the Mental Health Counseling program affect my chances of being admitted to one of the doctoral program?
 - No, in some cases applicants may be offered acceptances to both the Mental Health Counseling MA and a doctoral program. Each program has a unique admissions committee; therefore, an acceptance to one program does not influence the admissions decision of the other program.



- Is there a General GRE minimum score?
 - There are no official GRE “cut-off” scores for admission to any of our programs. The figures below are subject to change based on the application pool from year to year. Applicants are encouraged to aim for these minimum scores in order to remain competitive in the application process.

Program	GRE preferred Minimum Scores (using the revised GRE scoring system)
Mental Health Counseling, MA	60 th percentile
Doctoral Programs (PhD and PsyD)	70 th percentile

- Are applicants accepted to a doctoral program based on their research interests and faculty availability?
 - No, applicants are accepted to Ferkauf based on our desired class size and the strength of their own application and interview performance. Faculty advisors are assigned after acceptance is offered.
- What are the typical yearly class sizes?

Program	Average Incoming Class Sizes
Mental Health Counseling, MA	20-25
Combined School Clinical Child Psychology, PsyD	24-26
Clinical Psychology with Health Emphasis, PhD	15-18
Clinical Psychology, PsyD	24-26



- When do interviews take place?
 - Interviews for admission into the doctoral programs take place during late January through the end of February.
- Is every doctoral applicant interviewed?
 - No, each admissions committee selects applicants for interviews from the application pool, based on their respective admissions criteria.
- How and when will I be contacted if I am being considered for an interview?
 - Applicants being considered for an interviewed will be email and called to schedule an interview date and time during the period of mid January to mid February.

Application Final Decisions

- When are final decisions made?
 - The deadline for all final decision notifications is April 1st.
- How do I accept an offer of admission to a program?



- A \$500.00 tuition deposit must be made or postmarked by April 15th in order for a student to officially join the incoming class.
 - Payments by credit card- please call Admissions Office: 718-430-3820
 - Payment check or money order- must be postmarked by April 15th.
- I did not click “yes” on the application when asked to be considered for the Mental Health Counseling Program, but was offered an acceptance.
 - Some applicants may receive an offer of admission to the MHMA program, regardless of whether or not they applied to the program. The Mental Health Counseling Program reviews many applications that are submitted to the doctoral programs and chooses to offer admission to those applicants that meet all the criteria of admission to the program. In these instances, an offer of admission to the MHMA can be used as a secondary option to the doctoral program; however, it is a valid acceptance and must be responded to by the April 15th deadline.