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### Master’s Specialization - Community Psychology at CCSU

The Psychology Department offers the Master of Arts in Psychology with a specialization in Community Psychology. The graduate program is designed to train students to be active practitioners in the prevention field and to prepare them for further graduate study. The Master's Program is available for both part-time and full-time students. Most courses are offered in the evening.

**What is Community Psychology?** “Community psychology is about understanding people within their social worlds and using this understanding to improve people's well-being” (Orford, 1992, p. vii). It recognizes that many of the problems people confront arise not simply from disturbances within their individual psyches, but from the failures of community systems to adequately socialize and support its citizens. It replaces the traditional clinical perspective on helping that sees people in terms of their pathologies and deficits with the notion that all people have strengths and competencies.

**A Focus on Prevention.** Community psychologists have taken to heart Henry de Bracton’s (c. 1420) statement that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” A major focus of our program is on developing and delivering interventions that can prevent the onset of psychological problems such as substance abuse, interpersonal violence, and depression.

**Work Settings of Community Psychologists:** Community psychologists work in a wide variety of settings including local and state government, non-profit organizations, and schools. Most work at the program planning and development level, although some of our graduates also work in direct service positions.

### Courses: M.A. specialization in Community Psychology

The focus of the specialization in Community Psychology is on primary prevention. The specialization is designed to be taken sequentially in six semesters. The program requires 36 semester hours of course work including a thesis. A common core of 6 courses is required for all M.A. students in Psychology. Students in the Community Psychology program also take courses in their specialization, choose electives, and complete a planned program of study that is forwarded to the School of Graduate Studies with the assistance of their graduate advisor.

#### Common Core for all M.A. students (18 cr.):
- PSY 512 Seminar in Developmental Psychology
- PSY 545 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- PSY 550 Introduction to Community Psychology
- PSY 596 Psychological Research: Design and Analysis I
- PSY 597 Psychological Research: Design and Analysis II
- PSY 599 Thesis (oral defense required)

#### Specialization in Community Psychology (18 cr.)
- PSY 551 Primary Prevention
- PSY 553 Developing Prevention Programs
- PSY 595 Graduate Internship/Psychological Applications

The remaining 9 credits of the specialization consist of directed electives as approved by your advisor.

### Application Process

For admission, a B.A./B.S. degree with a minimum of 18 credits in psychology is preferred. Minimum grade of B in Statistics and Research Methods or equivalent are required. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 with a 3.00 minimum in psychology courses, three letters of reference and a personal statement are required. In your personal statement you should discuss your professional goals, any specific experiences you have had that have helped prepare you for our program such as research or training, and include any additional information that may assist the Graduate Studies Committee in reviewing your application.

All applications must be sent as a complete package to the Graduate Admissions Office in order to be reviewed for admission. A complete application includes the following:
- Application (including fee)
- Transcripts
- 3 letters of reference
- Personal statement

**Application deadline for Spring admission is December 1. For Fall admission, the deadline is April 25.**

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