

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

**PROGRAM & ADMISSION INFORMATION AND APPLICATION**

**Only completed applications will be considered. Admission is contingent upon approval by the Psychology Department *and* the Graduate School.  
**Complete all of the following steps:****

1	<p>The general graduate school application must be filled out online and returned to the Graduate School online at: <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu">www.csumentor.edu</a></p>
2	<p>One official transcript and test scores must be sent to the <u>Graduate Studies</u> office via postal mail. Mail these materials to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Graduate Studies California State University, Chico Chico, CA 95929-0875</b></p> <p>A. All official transcripts from accredited institutions attended since high school. B. Test Scores: Either the General Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to the Graduate School <b><u>prior to March 1</u></b>; allow at least six weeks for processing.</p>
3	<p>The materials specific to the Psychology Graduate Program must be printed out and mailed, <b><u>by March 1</u></b>, directly to our office via postal mail to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Graduate Coordinator Department of Psychology California State University, Chico Chico, CA 95929-0234</b></p> <p>A. Completed Graduate Programs in Psychology: <u>Admissions Application</u> B. Statement of Purpose C. Three Recommendation Forms and Letters: i. At least one letter from a professor familiar with the quality of your work; ii. If applicable, one letter from a supervisor or employer in either a clinical, research, or other work/volunteer environment; iii. The third letter may be written by another professor, research supervisor, or by someone in the helping profession. D. Application for Advancement to Classified Status (complete as much as possible).</p> <p><b>Note: Only completed applications will be considered. Admission is contingent upon approval by the Psychology Department and the Graduate School.</b></p>

## **NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION:**

- A. You will be contacted by mail regarding the status of your application. If accepted, the department may recommend that you be admitted as either a "conditionally classified" master's degree student (you have yet to complete some of the undergraduate prerequisites) or as a "classified" master's degree student (you have met all of the prerequisites).
- B. If accepted, you are required to return the Notification of Acceptance form, sent to you with the acceptance letter from the department, indicating whether you intend to matriculate by the fall semester. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your position in the program; however, you may reapply the following year, if you choose.

### **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE MA/PPS OR MS PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMS**

- C. Students who enter the MS degree program with the intent of pursuing a Marriage and Family Therapy License must contact the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and apply for trainee status within 90 days of beginning a traineeship (which occur during your first year at CSUC). Once you are accepted into the MS degree program, you are advised to contact the Board for information regarding licensure and follow their recommended procedures to receive your trainee status. The MS degree program provides an integrated course of study that meets the educational requirements for the MFT license by the State of California (Section 4980.37 of Assembly Bill No.3657).

Board of Behavioral Science Examiners  
400 R Street  
Suite 3150  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4933  
(916) 445-4933

**ADMISSIONS APPLICATION: GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Apply to **ONE** of these programs per application: (please check)

- M.S. Psychology: Marriage and Family Therapy. Provide mental health services to adults, families, and children.
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Higher Education**

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Degree/Date awarded</u>	<u>Major(s), Minor(s), Field</u>

Undergraduate GPA: Overall \_\_\_\_\_ Last 60 semester units \_\_\_\_\_ For last 30 semester units \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (enter number of semester units)

Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Verbal \_\_\_\_\_; Math \_\_\_\_\_; Written/Essay \_\_\_\_\_; Date \_\_\_\_\_

Miller Analogy Test (MAT): Raw Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

List the names and positions of the three people you have asked to write letters of recommendation. Give each person one of the **Recommendation Forms**; have them *send it directly* to the Psychology Department as indicated on the form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** about your professional and personal goals. Limit the length to two typewritten pages. Include: A) Your career goals; B) Your reasons for applying to the specific program checked above, and C) A brief description of your past experience, paid or voluntary, relevant to the program you seek to enter, including length of time worked and actual work performed (not just the title).

**PLEASE PRINT OUT, COMPLETE, AND RETURN THIS PAGE, YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, AND THE FOLLOWING "APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFIED STATUS" FORM TO:**

**Graduate Coordinator  
Department of Psychology  
California State University, Chico  
Chico, CA 95929-0234**

California State University, Chico

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY

**APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFIED STATUS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM:

M.S. Marriage & Family Therapy \_\_\_\_\_

M.A. Applied PSY Option (PPS) \_\_\_\_\_ M.A. Psychological Science Option \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be eligible to apply for classified status in the Department of Psychology, you must complete the following undergraduate prerequisite courses (within the last ten years). Fill in the course number (**and title if taken elsewhere**), grade and date each was completed. Complete as much as possible.

Four courses total: one from each of the following:

	CSU, Chico <u>Courses</u>	or number and title of equivalent <u>upper- division</u> course (include the univ/college where course was taken)	Date (to be) <u>Completed</u>	Grade <u>(if known)</u>
A. Psychology of Learning:	PSYC 466 _____ or PSYC 362 _____		_____	_____
B. Development or Child and/or Adolescent PSY:	PSYC 355 _____		_____	_____
C. Statistics for PSY:	PSYC 364 _____		_____	_____
D. Personality	PSYC 382 _____		_____	_____
or Social	PSYC 395 _____		_____	_____
or Abnormal PSY	PSYC 381 _____		_____	_____
E. Psychology Measurement (for PPS Intent)	PSYC 560 _____		_____	_____

**(NOTE: PSYC 381: Abnormal Psychology is a specific prerequisite for PSYC 643 in the M.S. Program; PSY of Personality is also recommended.)**

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REMINDER: Incoming students who meet these prerequisites may be admitted with Classified Status into a Graduate Psychology degree program. Students admitted as Conditionally Classified (have yet to meet these prerequisites) may apply for Advancement to Classified Status upon completing these requirements, usually near the end of their first semester.

California State University, Chico  
**RECOMMENDATION FORM**  
Master's Programs in Psychology

**This part to be completed in advance by the applicant:**

Evaluation of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

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- I expressly waive any rights I have to access this form and letter of recommendation.
- I do not agree to the above waiver.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This part to be completed by the referee:

To the Referee: **Please do not complete this form unless the applicant has checked one of the waiver boxes and signed above. Complete this form and attach a separate letter of recommendation on your letterhead.** In your letter, please consider the program to which the candidate is applying and address (1) in what capacity, for how long, and how well you know the applicant; (2) how well qualified you think she/he is to do master's level work in that field, and (3) qualities that may not be explicit in the academic transcript and test scores, such as ability to do independent academic or research work, personal strengths and weaknesses, and professional promise.

How would you rank the applicant's overall promise for the program to which he/she has applied? Basis of comparison (check one):

undergraduate senior student  first year graduate students  other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** Lower 50% Top 50% Top 25% Top 10% Top 5% Top 2%

Assign a score of 1 = weak 2 = adequate 3 = strong or N/I for no information for each of the following:

_____ Understanding of Psychological Theory	_____ Originality/Creativity
_____ Interpersonal Skills	_____ Maturity/Reliability
_____ Writing Skills	_____ Oral Communication Skills
_____ Professional Ethics	_____ Flexible (Receptive to feedback)

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL DIRECTLY TO:  
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