

**Doctorate of Psychology (Psy. D.)  
Individual, Organizational, and Community  
Transformation:  
A Program in Consciousness and Society**

Dear Applicant,

The Psychology Department is delighted that you are interested in our program in *Individual, Organizational, & Community Transformation*. We seek a broad-based pool of applicants with vision, creativity, and a variety of life experiences. The materials on the website give a brief synopsis of the vision of our program, which provides a strong theoretical foundation linked to grounded research and practices that integrate self-reflection with questions of transformation. Although there are many ways of framing transformative processes (individual or social), we are interested in particular in the intersection of consciousness and society. Our program will open students to new possibilities for praxis and attune them to innovative research approaches and theoretical positions in order to create a different kind of psychologist.

Unlike most Psy.D. programs, ours is not clinically oriented; nor does it follow a traditional organizational development model. Rather, we seek an integrated approach to understanding the psyche at the border between the individual and her or his broader context. This feature makes our program unique, and we are excited to offer this training to qualified candidates.

Our application page contains the link to the application form and checklist that must be completed in order for your application to be considered. This page also has a link to the waiver form that you will need to give to those who are recommending you to the program. The directions in these two documents should guide you in completing your application.

The Psychology Department and the Graduate School have different criteria for admission. All files that meet the criteria stated on the Departmental application form will be considered by the admissions committee. When there is a discrepancy, applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Please also look over the website of the University of West Georgia graduate school which contains important information: <http://www.westga.edu/~gradsch/>. Further questions can be directed to the program director, Kareen Malone, Ph.D., [kmalone@westga.edu](mailto:kmalone@westga.edu), 678-839-0616 or the assistant to the program director, Sandra White, [psydoc@westga.edu](mailto:psydoc@westga.edu).

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to receiving your application.

## Application Guidelines

The application process is partially an online process and partially a matter of getting relevant materials to the Graduate School by the application deadline. Letters of recommendation may be submitted either through an email process or through regular US Mail as provided on the website. All items submitted to the Graduate School by US Mail must be postmarked by deadline date specified on the the website for the University of West Georgia's graduate school:

[http://www.westga.edu/~gradsch/application\\_Psyd.php](http://www.westga.edu/~gradsch/application_Psyd.php)

Your application packet should include all of the following materials and be submitted as one package to the Graduate School, University of West Georgia, 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, Georgia 30118. Inquiries related to your application status should be directed to the Graduate School by calling 678-839-6419, or via e-mail at [gradsch@westga.edu](mailto:gradsch@westga.edu). The fax number for the Graduate School is 678-839-5949. Your application status can be viewed at: <http://www.westga.edu/~gradsch>

Your packet should include:

- \_\_\_ 1) Completed application for admission
- \_\_\_ 2) Non-refundable \$30.00 application fee (one time only)
- \_\_\_ 3) One official transcript from each college or university attended. If you attended the University of West Georgia, the Graduate School will request a copy of this transcript for you.
- \_\_\_ 4) Three letters of recommendation (see the last page of this document for a blank form). Academic Letters are preferred although other professional letters will be accepted. Letters must arrive in sealed, signed envelopes. A Letter of Recommendation Form can be found at: <http://www.westga.edu/%7Egradsch/forms/printable/LOR.pdf>
- \_\_\_ 5) An official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score. The program will not accept GRE scores more than 5 years old.
- \_\_\_ 6) A complete vita listing contact information (including email address), educational background, employment history, awards and recognitions, presentations, etc.
- \_\_\_ 7) A reflective essay describing why you are drawn to this particular program and how you understand transformation in relation to consciousness and society. The essay should include a statement of how you imagine the program will contribute to your future plans.
- \_\_\_ 8) Satisfactory Certificate of Immunization (new students only)

\_\_\_\_ 9) Academic Honor Form

\_\_\_\_ 10) A writing sample

Applicants with a Bachelor's degree will be considered, although applicants with graduate degrees, e.g. a Master's degree, are preferred. Those with degrees outside of psychology are welcome as well as those with degrees in the field of psychology. Additional courses in the Department of Psychology at the University of West Georgia may be required due to disciplinary background or level of educational attainment.

After your complete application has been received by the Graduate School, it will be sent to the Director of the Psy.D. Program. Selected applicants will be invited to campus for an interview. For more information about the application process, please contact either Morgen East at [meast@westga.edu](mailto:meast@westga.edu) or Cheryl Thomas Hill at [cthill@westga.edu](mailto:cthill@westga.edu). International students must adhere to earlier deadlines. International students with questions about the application process should contact Patricia Wells at [pwells@westga.edu](mailto:pwells@westga.edu).

#### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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Department of Psychology Fax: 678-839-0611

College of Arts and Sciences 678-839-6405

Financial Aid 678-839-6421

Registrar's Office 678-839-6438

The Graduate School's web site (<http://www.westga.edu/~gradsch/>) has links to all graduate programs. You can learn more about the Psy.D. in Individual, Organizational, and Community Transformation at [www.westga.edu/~psydoc](http://www.westga.edu/~psydoc) or email to [psydoctoral@westga.edu](mailto:psydoctoral@westga.edu).