

PsyD Essays:

- PsyD Essay A -Why you wish to do graduate work in Clinical Psychology?(up to 1 page single spaced)
- PsyD Essay B - Describe academic honors, publications, recent achievements or activities reflecting interest in clinical psychology (up to page 1 single spaced)
- PsyD Essay C - An autobiography (1-3 pages single spaced)
- PsyD Essay D - Why do you wish to pursue a PsyD, compared to a PhD or a research program? And what attracts you to Widener's Clinical Psychology program specifically? (up to 1 page single spaced)
- PsyD Essay E – Optional Scholarship Questions Below

Please indicate if you would like to be considered for a graduate assistantship or scholarship related to community-based service projects.

In order to be considered for these awards, please answer the following three questions (no more than 500 words each):

(1) Please describe how you have developed a commitment to community-based service, including what drives your passion for continuing to do such work.

(2) What (a) formal experiences and (b) interpersonal/leadership attributes do you possess that make you a good candidate to conduct a community-based service project?

(3) Please describe how you envision linking your community engagement work with your clinical psychology education and training.

Five writing samples for PsyD/Human Sexuality Application:

INSTRUCTIONS:

“The writing samples are a vital component of your application. These essays will also provide the admissions committee with a clear picture of who you are, why you have chosen to enter the Clinical Psychology and Sexological professions, and what motivates you to apply to Widener University’s Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology and Human Sexuality Studies programs.

In writing your essays it is important to consider that every international sexological organization considers sex therapy to be a sub-specialty of your primary discipline. For your essays, please first address your answers specifically to your desire to enter the field of clinical psychology. You will have the opportunity in a separate section to discuss your career goals and background related to clinical sexology and sex therapy.”

A) Professional Goals (up to 1 page single spaced)

Your professional goals should focus on your specific interests and career objectives.

a) Describe your career aspirations within the field of clinical psychology.

b) Discuss why you want to be a clinical psychologist, and what you hope to do with your PsyD, including the populations with which you want to work and the kind of issues with which you would like to engage.

B) Describe academic honors, publications, recent achievements or activities reflecting interest in clinical psychology and/or in the human sexuality area (up to 1 page single spaced)

C) Autobiography and personal evaluation (1-3 pages single spaced)

You should provide the admissions committee with a clearer picture of who you are, why you have chosen to enter the field of clinical psychology, and what motivates you to apply to Widener University's program in Clinical Psychology, specifically. Please address:

a) Personal background- Describe significant life experiences (autobiographical) that have led to the development of your personality, your values, and belief systems, and your decision to pursue a career in clinical psychology.

b) Personal evaluation- Describe why you think you would make a good clinical psychology student, and an effective clinical psychologist. In writing your personal evaluation, please address the following:

i. Your readiness for graduate work.

ii. Your ability to manage the heavy demands of graduate school with your other personal and professional responsibilities.

iii. Your strengths and weaknesses in relation to the professions of clinical psychology.

D) Why do you think Widener University's graduate Clinical Psychology and Human Sexuality Studies programs are a good fit for you? (up to 1 page single spaced)

E) Optional Scholarship Questions Below

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F) Sub Specialty: Clinical Sexology (up to one page single spaced)

In this section, describe how clinical sexology and sex therapy factor into your professional goals as well as any significant life experiences that motivate you to pursue Clinical Sexology as your sub-discipline. Please Address:

- a. Your professional goals specific to sexological work.
- b. Your life experiences that motivate you to pursue this sub-discipline.
- c. Why you believe you will make a good clinical sexologist/sex therapist.