

PsyD Application Essays: Please write essays for each of the following questions. It is important to pay close attention to the question and not exceed the word limit.

1) Many people choose Clinical Psychology because they are interested in helping people. Beyond wanting to help people, please describe your reasons for choosing to do graduate work in Clinical Psychology. And what is your dream job after graduation? (up to 250 words)

2) Autobiography (up to 500 words)

Describe the personal and professional experiences that have most influenced your motivations for pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology. This question is a window into your self-awareness and it requires skill at appropriate disclosure. Please do not list your credentials, because this is already on your application in other places. Also, please write about motivations beyond wanting to help people.

3) Describe an interpersonal experience of making a mistake or feeling ineffective and what it taught you about yourself. Within this essay, please describe what happened and include a description of the other person, how that person would describe you, and what you learned about yourself. (up to 250 words)

4) Some folks have lots of experience and have spent significant time talking about race and cultural identity with others. Some folks have had less experience. Some do not have a choice because racial issues are an everyday lived experience. How would you describe your experience level with such conversations and also your willingness/energy/resilience to stay with such conversations even when it feels challenging? (up to 250 words)

5) Describe how COVID-19 has impacted your professional and/or academic experience and your application. (up to 250 words)

Additional Essays for Dual Degree PsyD/Med in Human Sexuality

6) Why do you think Widener's Clinical Psychology and Human Sexuality Studies programs are a good fit for you? (up to 250 words)

7) Please describe how clinical sexology and sex therapy factor into your professional goals. Please address your professional goals specific to sexological work and why you believe you will make a good clinical sexologist/sex therapist. (Up to 250 words)

Additional Essays for PsyD Scholarships: 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 250 words each):

1) Describe an experience in which you were able to take a lead or help build collaborative relationships with community members, community stakeholders, groups, and organizations to solve a problem.

2) Please describe how you envision your contributions to the field after you've completed your doctoral training that promote health and wellness at both a micro and macro level beyond traditional clinical psychotherapy.

3) As a graduate student, what skills do you offer and what skills do you still need to learn in order to begin the work of fighting oppression, reducing social inequalities, and working with marginalized people toward their empowerment?