

Graduate Certificate in General Psychology

Program Description:

This certificate is designed for teachers of Psychology at the high school level who need graduate-level course-work in psychology to further their knowledge of the discipline and/or meet post-secondary faculty qualifications for accreditation. This certificate provides a broad exposure to the major areas of psychology, as well as opportunities to apply psychological science to real-world issues.

Learning objectives for this certificate include:

1. **Scientific Literacy:** Appreciate psychology broadly as a science by understanding breadth of scientific methods, developing skills to competently consume and apply those methods, and conducting research.
2. **Communication:** Demonstrate competence in professional oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
3. **Knowledge / Application:** Demonstrate a broad base of knowledge of psychological science with the ability to apply within a wide variety of contexts. Furthermore, students should apply knowledge in a manner that is ethically appropriate, socially responsible, and sensitive to populations from diverse backgrounds.
4. **Critical Thinking:** Apply scientific thinking to evaluating evidence and multiple sources of information about behavior, including being an effective consumer of information, thinking critically and analyzing the behavior and emotions of self and others, and being able to identify and interpret journal articles.

Admission Policies and Procedure:

Admission Requirements: A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

Please complete the application form on the Graduate Studies website, at <http://grad.mnsu.edu/>.

Program Policies: Please contact the Department of Psychology with questions about transferring in courses from other institutions; no more than 6 credits can be accepted for transfer. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in all courses applied to this certificate.

Courses:

- A. Choose 14-17 credits of graduate courses in Psychology. Please contact the Department of Psychology with any questions – all 500- or 600-level courses offered in the department of Psychology, as well as those offered as workshops or special topics courses, can be applied to the required electives for this certificate.
- B. Complete 1 - 4 credits of Psy 680, Portfolio, as a capstone for the certificate.

Contact Dr. Emily Stark (Emily.stark@mnsu.edu) in the department of Psychology with any questions.