

# Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

## Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology



### Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program

The USUHS Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program (military track) is an APA-accredited doctoral program designed to train clinical psychologists to serve in the uniformed services of the United States (Army, Navy, & Air Force). Training includes a strong base in the foundations of psychology, with specialized training in military psychology. The Navy currently funds two doctoral students per year to participate in this program.

The program is open to both active-duty individuals (enlisted or officer) in the uniformed services, and to civilians who are eligible and willing to be commissioned as officers in the United States Navy. Prior military experience is not required or even expected.

There are **no tuition costs**. Students are commissioned in the Navy Medical Service Corps, and earn full pay and benefits commensurate with their rank and service. Those selected are typically commissioned as Ensigns (O-1) in the United States Navy. They continue to advance in rank throughout their graduate training, in accordance with regular promotion schedules.

The program requires 4 academic years of resident graduate study, followed by the completion of an APA-accredited internship, which is a 12-month, full-time clinical training experience that serves as the fifth and final year of the program. For Navy students, this internship is housed at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Students incur a 7-year active-duty military obligation to be served after the completion of their graduate training and internship.

The program is open to applicants with either a Bachelor's or a Master's degree (a degree in psychology is not required, but additional courses in psychology are recommended for those without psychology degrees).

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See the Navy Clinical Psychology USUHS Program brochure [here](#).

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