All MTSU graduate degrees are awarded through the College of Graduate Studies, which provides academic, financial, and other support services to students while upholding academic standards and ensuring that each program provides optimal experiences. In consultation with faculty, the college establishes policies and procedures to ensure judicious and selective admission decisions, rigorous adherence to academic standards, excellence in curricula, and selective faculty appointments.

Graduate applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Exceptions are those seeking the Ed.S. or doctoral degree, which may require a master's degree.

The minimum grade point average for unconditional admission as a degree-seeking student is 2.75 at the undergraduate level and 3.00 for all courses taken at the graduate level.

Applications for admission may be obtained from and submitted to the Graduate Office, 114 Cope Administration Building, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 (on the Web at www.mtsu.edu/~graduate). Applications may also be requested by telephoning 1-877-MTSU-PHD (1-877-6878-743) or (615) 898-2840.

Applications for persons who are not U.S. citizens will be processed by the International Programs and Services Office, Keathley University Center 124.

Admission into an individual program of study is a separate decision from acceptance into the College of Graduate Studies. Applicants should check the admission requirements and process for their intended graduate program.

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An example of the many University resources supporting graduate study is the James E. Walker Library, which has resources for reading, research, and group study. More than 350 computers are available for accessing local and international information and searching electronic databases. The Instructional Technology Support Center in McWherter Learning Resources Center provides facilities, equipment, training, and support for multimedia presentations, satellite downlinking, video, classroom presentations, etc.

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Financial Aid

Limited numbers of graduate teaching assistantships, research assistantships, scholarships, and doctoral fellowships are available in addition to other forms of aid. Applications may be obtained from the College of Graduate Studies or from the appropriate academic department. Students must meet the requirements for admission to graduate school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

The Student Financial Aid Office in 218 Cope Administration Building has information on various kinds of financial aid.
The Psychology Department at Middle Tennessee State University offers graduate study leading to the Master of Arts with a concentration in Clinical Psychology. The clinical program emphasizes a broadly based scientific professional approach with the goal of preparing students to work in various mental health settings and/or to pursue doctoral training. The core program concentrates on training in psychological assessment including diagnostic interviewing and cognitive, personality, and applied testing. Students are prepared to work in the mental health field performing psychological evaluations. In addition, all students in the clinical program are required to select a specialization (12 hours), which represents the student’s long-term goal as well as higher area of personal interest.

There are several areas of specialization available in the clinical program. The General Clinical specialization is designed to allow students to sample a broad range of electives including additional coursework in Assessment. The Health Psychology/Neuropsychology specialization enhances students’ knowledge and skills in the areas of biologically- and/or neurologically-based assessment and links between physical and psychological health. The Behavior Analyst specialization trains students in the use of principles of learning to produce behavior change in people in a variety of clinical and nonclinical settings. Through courses and practicum experiences, the clinical program strives to prepare students for certification as psychological assistants and/or as certified behavior analysts. Because of frequent changes in the licensure and certification laws, MTSU cannot guarantee that the program will fully meet the requirements when students apply for certification. This program does not prepare students to practice psychotherapy or counseling at the terminal master’s level.

The Psychology Department consists of 45 full-time faculty members and offers seven different graduate concentrations. Clinical faculty members and areas of interest

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