

Admission Process Timeline

Applications are accepted from October through January 2nd.

- Early application is recommended.
- Submit online application
- Beginning in October, applicants must send hard copy materials to the Processing Center. These materials are matched to the applicants' online application.
- Applicants can monitor the status of their applications by login onto the LIU Account created at application. Please note that materials may take 2-3 weeks to be fully processed and reflected in the application status.

The LIU Post admissions review process is completed in four stages:

1. Stage One: Review of Applicant Files (January-February):

We will begin accepting applications in October. The deadline for all application materials to be received is January 15th. The program receives approximately 300 applications each year.

Applications will be sent for review from Graduate Admissions to the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program only when complete. Once received in the Psy.D. Program, the Review Committee evaluates the applicant file.

Each file is reviewed by two core faculty members. Faculty are looking for:

- a. Competitive undergraduate GPA (evidence of academic potential)
- b. Competitive GRE scores (the General Exam (including verbal, quantitative, and writing) & the Psychology Subject exam)
- c. Strong letters of recommendation attesting to clinical experience and/or potential in the field of clinical psychology. At least one letter must be from an academic professional.
- d. Strong Personal Statement and Statement of Research.

Applicants should NOT tailor these statements to fit the program's training model and/or faculty interests. Faculty look for unique applicants whose experiences, potential, and interest complement our training program. Applicants may note particular interest in work with faculty, but are not required to tailor their statements to such work.

- e. Samples of scholarly writing are considered, though not required. Applicants should not submit any more than 10 pages of any writing piece.
- f. PPI evaluation reports are considered for applicants who elected to submit these evaluations from recommenders.

Approximately 100 applicants will be invited for an interview at the LIU Post Campus. Invitations for interviews are sent via email to applicants. Each applicant will be invited to one 3-hour interview session. Coordination and scheduling of these dates takes place via email with the program coordinator. Applicants are sent their interview session schedule in advance.

All applicants who do not receive an interview are encouraged to reapply.

2. Stage Two: Interview Process (February/March):

Following a program overview by the director, each interviewed applicant will have two separate interviews (30 minutes each) with a faculty member. Additionally, these applicants will have the chance to speak with current students about the program, as well as hear an overview of the program. These interview days are approximately 4 hours, and held over the course of four-five days in late February and early March.

Interviewed applicants will submit a financial aid form to be considered for aid from the program (research assistantships, teaching fellowships, Service Disparity Fellowships, etc.). The program will send you the online link to this form. Financial aid applications are not reviewed until the program has made final admissions decisions.

Also, interviewed applicants will also be asked to complete a survey about the LIU Post interview process.

3. Stage Three: Admit & Wait-Listed Process (March-April):

The program will have a rolling admittance of 20 applicants at a time in order to reach our desired cohort of 20 students. We will maintain a waitlist of approximately 30 additional applicants (from the interviewed applicant pool). As admitted applicants decline our invitation, we will move onto the next applicant in the pool. Wait-listed applicants will be able to find out where on the wait-list they stand.

All admitted and wait-listed applicants will be invited to sit in on classes, attend lectures and events, and speak with current students and faculty before making their final decision.

4. Stage Four: Acceptance (April):

All admitted applicants will have until April 17th to send in a \$500 deposit and acceptance form in order to hold their place in the incoming class.

- The deposit must be submitted on April 17th (via phone).
- The acceptance form must be post-marked by the 17th.

- Applicants should email the program director the acceptance form by the April 17th deadline as well.

Admitted applicants who will not be accepting our offer are encouraged to let us know as soon as possible so that we may open the slot to the next applicant.

*Note that all APA-accredited programs must give admitted applicants until April 17th to accept an offer of admission.

Wait List:

We will have a rolling wait list of up to 50 applicants, depending on the applicant pool. In some cases waitlisted applicants will not hear a final answer until after this April 17th date. We ask that all admitted and waitlisted applicants who have accepted at another university let us know as soon as possible so that the slot can be opened for another candidate.

Additional Pre-Doctoral Experiences and/or Academic Work

In some cases, admitted applicants may be recommended for doctoral-preparation work over the summer before beginning the program. This might include taking related courses in psychology, working on writing skills, or language programs.

After Entry to the Program

Admitted applicants must submit official copies of their transcripts and GRE scores in order to fully matriculate. Additionally, the admissions committee may contact your recommenders in regards to your letters of reference.