Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the Fairleigh Dickinson University M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology. The program is designed to be comprehensive, yet convenient for psychologists interested in advancing their potential as collaborative mental health practitioners.

We are proud of the quality of the program we have developed, for several reasons:

- Our curriculum was designed in consultation with Anita Brown, Ph.D., our Curriculum Consultant and a graduate of the Department of Defense Psychopharmacology Demonstration Project. In fact, four of the 10 graduates of the DoD program have been involved in the development of our curriculum. In terms of course hours, the curriculum meets or exceeds the requirements for postdoctoral training in psychopharmacology outlined in the APA Recommended Postdoctoral Education and Training Program for Prescriptive Authority.
- Because of the flexible nature of the program we have been able to attract nationally recognized experts as instructors and presenters.
- Distributed learning methods such as lectures on CD provide a strong basis for didactic training, while frequent interaction online and case reports allow for the integration of information through clinical material and practical exercises.
- The program has been endorsed by the Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, and Tennessee Psychological Associations for the training of their members.

Completion of the course curriculum leads to the postdoctoral degree Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology. We believe awarding a degree for completion of the program is appropriate given its academic rigor, and will be more effective in psychologists’ efforts to receive independent or collaborative prescriptive authority. Each course results in receiving 45 APA-approved CE credits, as well as 3 graduate credits. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.

Enclosed you will find an information and program application packet. This information is also available at our web site, www.rxpsychology.com. To begin courses in September, please send your application by July 15. To begin courses in January, please send your application by November 15. We strongly recommend beginning courses in September.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the program's Administrative Assistant, Maria Kaljaj, toll-free at 866-247-2411, or msclinpharm@fdu.edu. You may also want to visit our website, www.rxpsychology.com. We look forward to speaking with you about this exciting program, and participating in your professional development.

Sincerely,

Robert McGrath, Ph.D.
Training Director
M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology
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PLEASE READ THIS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE

- **Please print or type your information.**

- **Eligibility:** The M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology is open to health service provider psychologists as defined by state law or by the American Psychological Association. The latter includes any psychologist who has completed a doctoral degree or postdoctoral respecialization program and internship focusing on “the delivery of preventive, assessment, diagnostic and therapeutic intervention services relative to the psychological and physical health of consumers,” and received state licensure as a doctoral-level psychologist. Applicants must submit an official (sealed) transcript from every institution that granted them a degree from bachelor’s level through doctorate, and a copy of your license as a psychologist. If you are not yet licensed, or are a member of another profession, please contact us to review your options.

- **Name:** Keep in mind that the name you provide here will serve both as your name for university records (e.g., your diplomas and CE certificates) as well as your online identity (e.g., the name that appears for you in chats).

- **Program Schedule:** The complete didactic program consists of 10 7.5-week courses divided across 5 15-week semesters. Courses run sequentially, so participants complete one course at a time. Semesters run January-April, May-August, and September-December. Upon completion of the didactic program, participants may opt to enroll in a practicum as part of the supervised clinical experience required to complete the APA Level 3 training curriculum. Fall start is recommended; if you are interested in Spring start, please discuss this with the Program Director first.

- **Course/Program Outcomes:** Completion of each course results in the award of 45 continuing education credits and 3 graduate credits. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology maintains responsibility for the program. After completing the program’s qualifying examination, you will receive the degree Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology.

- **Tuition:** Tuition for each course is $1440 in 2014-2015, with a $100 reduction fellowship available for members of state or provincial psychological associations, or APA Divisions 18 and 55. Tuition for the practicum is $465 per semester for 2014-2015, regardless of the number of cases documented. These amounts are subject to change by the University, and the University will charge additional fees. If you are requesting the discount, please state the justification for your request on the application.

- **Minimum Computer Requirements:** These are listed on the website. You must have computer equipment meeting or exceeding the requirements listed to participate effectively in the program.

YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- The completed application form.

- An official sealed transcript from all degree-granting institutions (undergraduate and graduate). If you respecialized to become a clinician, also submit proof of respecialization program completion. These may be provided under separate cover.

- A copy of your current license to practice psychology.

- An application fee of $30 US payable to Fairleigh Dickinson University. This fee is non-refundable. Applicants from Canada are exempt from this fee.

Please mail your application with your non-refundable application fee ($30 US) to:

Psychopharmacology Program Admissions
School of Psychology T-WH1-01
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Teaneck NJ 07666
Student Information – Please print or type all information.

Last Name:                      First Name:                      Middle:

Social Security Number:         Date of Birth:         □ Male □ Female

Home Postal Address:

Home Phone:                      Work Phone:

Employer Name & Address (Street/City/St/Zip):

Fax:                             E-mail Address (REQUIRED):

Nation of Citizenship:           Resident Alien (US) or Permanent Resident (CA) Number:

Ethnic Origin                   □ Native American/Alaskan Native/Native Canadian       □ Black (not of Hispanic origin)
(Optional):                     □ White (not of Hispanic origin)                  □ Asian or Pacific Islander
                                      □ Hispanic

Anticipated Term of Enrollment

□ Fall (Sep-Dec) _____ (year)     □ Spring (Jan-Apr) _____ (year)

Eligibility Information


Institution and dates of attendance:

State/Prov. Licensure ID#:       State/Prov.:       State/Prov. Licensure Agency Phone #:

I am a health service provider as defined by state law or by APA policy (see Eligibility section of Instructions): □ Yes □ No
If No explain what conditions you do not meet:

Legal & Financial

If you are requesting the tuition discount, please provide justification on the line below. Please identify the organization of which you are a member, and include a contact telephone number for that organization:

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Signature of Applicant                  Date

PLEASE READ: If enrolled, I hereby agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the Program. I acknowledge that I will be automatically registered for courses each semester unless I request otherwise. I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and I understand that false and fraudulent statements within this application may result in denial of admission, disciplinary action, and invalidation of continuing professional education credits earned. I have reviewed program guidelines for computer equipment, and will have at least the minimum required equipment.