

Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) Practicum-only Policy 2018  
Counseling and Educational Psychology (CEP) department  
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Licensed Psychologists wishing to take courses in the MSCP degree program have three options:

- (1) Apply for and be accepted for admission to the MSCP degree program by following application instructions found at <https://cep.nmsu.edu/academic-programs/clinical-psychopharmacology/admission/>
- (2) Seek an exception to enrollment restrictions, including for continuing education purposes, by following procedures found at <https://cep.nmsu.edu/files/2013/04/CEP-Enrollment-Restriction-policy-Final-1.pdf>
- (3) Those with advanced degrees in Clinical Psychopharmacology from universities other than NMSU wishing to enroll in our two supervised practicum courses only must follow the procedure described in this policy.
  - RXPP 611 (3 credits; 80 hours of supervised physical examination experience)
  - RXPP 612 (3 credits; 100 supervised patient hours out of 400 total hours)

These students will not be admitted to the MSCP program or issued a degree from NMSU but must be recommended by the MSCP program and the CEP department for admission to the Graduate School at NMSU as an undeclared student. Rigorous vetting is required because students will not have gone through pre-screening as part of the MSCP degree program, and CEP reserves the right to refuse any and all requests.

Submit to the MSCP program coordinator evidence of the following:

- a. A doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology
- b. A current state license as a psychologist
- c. Verification of good standing from that state's Board of Psychology, including three years of licensed professional practice with no ethical violations
- d. A postdoctoral degree in Clinical Psychopharmacology from an APA-designated program
- e. Two professional letters of recommendation
- f. An MOU between NMSU and the prospective practicum site
- g. Approved for core privileges and credentials at the prospective practicum site
- h. Professional liability insurance coverage for the time frame in question

After review of these materials, an interview is required in person or via Skype with the MSCP program coordinator and CEP department head. If this process results in a recommendation for enrollment in practicum only, students must apply to the Graduate School, submit official transcripts from all prior universities attended, and be approved for admission.