

Neuropsychology Emphasis Requirements-2026

Goals: The Neuropsychology Emphasis at LSU provides specialty training in the foundational and functional competencies outlined in the Minnesota Conference Guidelines. The emphasis is designed to prepare students for competitive clinical internships offering at least half-time training in clinical neuropsychology and, ultimately, for careers integrating neuropsychological research and evidence-based clinical practice. In addition to completing the general requirements for a degree in clinical psychology, students interested in completing the Neuropsychology Emphasis must complete the following requirements:

Research: A major emphasis is placed on conducting research in neuropsychology to prepare students for careers in academic or research settings. Students must submit for publication at least one first authored publication on a topic related to neuropsychology. It is expected, but not required, that students will exceed this threshold.

Coursework: Psychological Assessment II, a course which provides an introduction to neuropsychological assessment, is a requirement for all clinical students in the program. Students must take Clinical Neuropsychology Seminar each semester they are enrolled on-campus (with a minimum of 3 semesters). This structure will allow for the accumulation of foundational knowledge in neuropsychology over time in a flexible manner that derives benefits from having graduate students at different levels of their training in the same class. The content of this course will vary each semester and provide graduate students with knowledge in the foundations for the study of brain-behavior relationships (e.g., neurological and related disorders including their etiology, pathology, course and treatment) and foundations for the practice of clinical neuropsychology (e.g., professional issues and ethics in neuropsychology). Students on the neuropsychology emphasis are also encouraged to take additional coursework in topics such as neuroanatomy or neuroimaging.

Practicum: A minimum of two practica in neuropsychological assessment is required. At least one practicum must include exposure to a breadth of different clinical conditions frequently encountered in neuropsychological assessment (e.g., stroke, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and TBI).

Dissertation: The dissertation topic must be related to neuropsychology.

Internship: An APA-accredited internship with significant neuropsychological training is required.