

Instructions

Welcome to the Comparison of Programs chart. This chart has been created to help you in deciding which training program in psychopharmacology may best meet your needs. It allows a direct comparison between programs on important variables such as length, outcome, and cost. We hope this information is useful to you as you begin your investigations into psychopharm training.

This document is available in two formats: an Excel spreadsheet and a PDF document. Most people will probably prefer the PDF file. It is divided into a series of pages containing the overall comparison chart and program-specific information. Some cells in the comparison chart only contain the word Details. That indicates the information may be found on the program-specific page.

If you are adept with spreadsheets, you might prefer the former. In the spreadsheet, you will find tabs at the bottom of the screen for the Comparison Chart and for each program. You can change the order of columns in the comparison chart to make direct comparisons of programs easier. Clicking on a cell that says Details will move you to the appropriate place in the program-specific sheet. Clicking on headers on the program-specific sheets will move you back to the comparison chart. You can also click on email or website addresses and directly access the relevant resource. Finally, you can move to any sheet by clicking on its tab at the bottom of the screen.

[If you are using the Excel version, you can click on this cell to move to the Comparison Chart, or click on the tab below.](#)

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Information is the most recent received as of 9/10	California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant International University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies	Prescribing Psychologists' Register (PPR)	New Mexico State University (in collaboration with the Southwestern Institute for the Advancement of Psychotherapy)
Official Name of Program	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Prescription Privilege Preparation Training	NMSU Masters Degree in Psychopharmacology
Program Administration	Steven Tulkin, Ph.D. (Director) Azure Kraxberger, PsyD (Director of Student Services- Psychopharmacology) Taylere Joseph (Program Executive Assistant)	Robert E. McGrath, Ph.D. (Director) Anne Farrar-Anton, Ph.D. (Associate Director) Noemy Abboud (Administrative Assistant)	A. Eugene Shapiro, Ph.D. (Director) Donna Brodsky (Admin. Ass't)	Samuel A. Feldman, Ph.D., FAPM, FICPP (President) Yaumara Lindo, Administration Director	Elaine LeVine, Ph.D., ABMP, Prescribing Psychologist, Training Director and Affiliate Associate Professor, NMSU
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Primary Model	Details	Details	Details	Details	Details
Outcome	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Board Certified, Diplomate-Fellow in Psychopharmacology (FICPP)	Postdoctoral Interdisciplinary Masters Degree in Psychopharmacology
Credits	CE: 468 Academic: 29.6	CE: 450 Academic: 30	CE: Details Academic: 31.5 (includes 200 hours of Practicum)	CE: 306 or 450 Academic: 34	CE 450 (corresponds to 36 academic credits)
Curriculum	Details	Details	Details	Details	Details
Approximate Length	28 months (classes meet approximately every third weekend)	24 months	24 months	24 months	27 months
Projected # Hours/Week	3-7 hours per week, depending on prior coursework and experiences	6-12 hours	10 weeks over two years. 37.5 - 45 hrs per week on campus.	2-6 hours	3-12 hours per week, depending on prior coursework, particular class and experiences
# of students enrolled in at least one course since January 2003	437	207	30	225	95+
# who have completed program (as of 2010)	402	138	21	1000+	59
Cost	\$12,980	\$13,000-14,000	\$11,200	Starts at \$3,400	Approximately \$9,700
Other Expenses	App. \$1,000 for books and fees	App. \$600 for books	App. \$900 books, travel to 10 meetings	Travel expenses	App. \$1,000 for books, stethoscope, travel to classes
Practicum Model	Program offers practicum documentation but not placement for both psychopharmacology and primary care experiences; will assist with but does not guarantee practicum placement	Program offers practicum documentation; will assist with but does not guarantee practicum placement	Program offers practicum documentation; will assist with but does not guarantee practicum placement	PPR's Practicum (Preceptorship), requires a minimum of 100 patients, under an MD Preceptor, over a year's minimum period	Preceptorships are arranged collaboratively with SIAP and sites in NM for six hours of academic credit
Timing of Practicum	Upon or near completion of didactic program	Upon or near completion of didactic program	100 hour practicum usually completed at end of each year	Starting near completion of training program	Upon completion of didactic program
Cost	\$155	\$440 per semester	Cost included in tuition	None	Cost included in tuition
Other Clinical Experiences	Case discussions in most courses; opportunity to participate in additional in-person 5-day workshop on clinical skills including physical examination and review of body systems, neurological examination, health history taking, and use and interpretation of clinical laboratory tests.	Weekly case conference/case reports/face-to-face clinical lab optional	Chat room, class email, WebCT for some courses, facilitators	None	80-hour practicum with primary care physician. 100 patients/400 hour practicum in psychopharmacology. Evidence-based medicine taught in conjunction with Family Practice Residency Center. Class in brain dissection. Case review each class by a prescribing psychologist.

CSPP Program Model

Classes will be held over the Internet, via a system called Elluminate. All classes will be live, and will also be archived electronically in case a student is not able to attend synchronously on the day(s) of the class. All students will participate in classes from their own computer, or, if desired, make personal arrangements with other local students to participate together at the home or office of one of the students. The Elluminate platform also provides opportunities for study sessions, chats, sharing of references and related readings, and many other learning options. Students MUST have access to a cable or DSL connection.

CSPP Curriculum

Course Title	CE Credits	Academic Credits
Clinical Biochemistry	24	1.6
Neurosciences: Neurochemistry	24	1.6
Neurosciences: Neurophysiology	24	1.6
Neurosciences: Neuroanatomy/Neuropathology	36	2.4
Clinical Medicine/Pathophysiology	60	4
Pharmacology	30	2
Clinical Pharmacology	30	2
Psychopharmacology: Depression, Psychosis, BiPolar Disorder, Drug/Drug Interactions	48	3.2
Special Populations: Child Psychopharmacology, Gender and Ethnic Issues, Geriatric Psychopharmacology, Chronic Pain, Chronic Illness, PTSD and BPD	60	4
Chemical Dependence	12	0.8
Physical Assessment	36	2.4

Introduction to Molecular Nutrition & Its Place in Psychopharmacology	12	0.8
Pharmacotherapeutics: Research Issues, Ethical and Legal Issues, Psychotherapy/Pharmacotherapy Interactions	36	2.4
Case Seminar	12	0.8
Total Classroom Credit:	444	29.6
PEP Preparation Course (CE only, no units)	18	
Totals:	462	

[FDU Program Model](#)

The curriculum was designed to be delivered completely through a distance model.

[FDU Curriculum](#)

Course Title	CE Credits	Academic Credits
Biological Foundations of Psychopharmacological Practice I	45	3
Biological Foundations of Psychopharmacological Practice II	45	3
Neuroscience	45	3
Neuropharmacology	45	3
Clinical Pharmacology	45	3
Professional Issues & Practice Management	45	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Affective Disorders	45	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Psychotic Disorders	45	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Anxiety Disorders	45	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Other Disorders	45	3
Totals:	450	30

[MSPP Program Model](#)

The program is offered in Boston on 15 Fridays and Saturdays per year for two years, (F 9-5, S 8-4) or as a blended online program with 21 online weekends and 9 residential weekdns

[MSPP Curriculum](#)

Course Title	CE Credits	Academic Credits
Biological Foundations	20	8.00
Neuroscience	20	7.00
Pharmacology and Clinical Psychopharmacology I and II	20	12.00
Pharmacotherapeutics	20	3.00
Totals:	80	30

[Nova Program Model](#)

A residential program comprised of 10 6-day sessions held at NSU

[Nova CE](#)

The Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology will accept continuing education credit under Chapter 490, Florida Statutes 64B19-13.003(b) for “completion of graduate level courses in psychology provided by a university or professional school which is regionally accredited, except that no more than ten (10) hours of continuing psychological education may be obtained for each semester hour.” Please consult your appropriate state board for information on regulations.

[Nova Curriculum](#)

Course Title	Academic Credits
PSY 9507 Introduction to Organic & Biochemistry	1
PSY 9555 Computer Based Practice Aids	0.5
PSY 9505 Neurophysiology	1.5
PSY 9500 Neuroanatomy	1.5
PSY 9510 Neurochemistry	1.5
PSY 9515 General Pharmacology	4
PSY 9520 Psychopharmacology	4
PSY 9570 Practicum I	2.5
PSY 9540 Physical Assessment	3
PSY 9535 Pathophysiology	4
PSY 9525 Developmental Psychopharmacology	1.5
PSY 9530 Chemical Dependency & Pain Management	1.5
PSY 9550 Psychotherapy Pharmacotherapy Interactions	1
PSY 9560 Pharmacoepidemiology	1
PSY 9555 Professional, Ethical, & Legal Issues	0.5
PSY 9575 Practicum II Grand Rounds	2.5
Totals:	31.5

[PPR Program Model](#)

Students have choices of live seminars, distance learning via university affiliated training programs, and video taped presentations of seminars, with handouts.

[PPR Curriculum](#)

Total of 17 courses, with 300+ hours, (to meet the APA Guidelines), or a total of 25 courses with 450 hours, (to meet the New Mexico law as recently passed). Timely updated course details are available to entering students.

[SIAP Program Model](#)

Most taught in weekend courses through live interaction with instructors.

[SIAP Curriculum](#)

Course Title	Academic Credits
CEP 801 Introduction to psychopharmacology for psychologists	3
CEP 802 Introduction to psychopharmacology for psychologists-II	3
CEP 803 Clinical psychopharmacology	3
CEP 804 Clinical psychopharmacology -II	3
CEP 805 Clinical psychopharmacology-III	3
CEP 806 Pathophysiology for psychologists	3
CEP 807 Pathophysiology for psychologists-II	3
CEP 808 Pathophysiology for psychologists-III	3
CEP 809 Psychopharmacology treatment in special populations	3
CEP 810 Psychopharmacology treatment in special populations-II	3
CEP 811 Supervised Experience in psychopharmacology	3
CEP 812 Supervised Experience in psychopharmacology-II	3
Totals:	36

[TPI Program Model](#)

The Entire Program is delivered via distance learning. Regional Programs are administered via a Regional Coordinator as well. Contact TPI to find out if there is a Regional Program being conducted in your area.

[TPI Curriculum](#)

Course Title	CE Credits*
Intro to Pharmacopsychology	10
Anatomy & Physiology	18
Biochemistry	18
Neuroscience 1 through 4	72
Neuropathology	18
Pharmacology 1 through 6	108
Psychopharmacology Intervention 1 -2	36
Special Populations & Ethnopsychopharmacology	18
Pharmacopsychology 1 & 2	36
Assessment and Lab 1 & 2	36
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 1 & 2	36
Ethical & Legal Issues	18
Case Presentation & Grand Rounds	18
Pathophysiology Practicum	18
PEP Prep	18
Preceptorship	18
Totals:	496

*15 credits corresponds approximately to 1 academic credit