

CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY - (POSTDOCTORAL) - MASTER OF SCIENCE (ONLINE)

The curriculum for the Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) degree program is modeled on the American Psychological Association (APA) recommended curriculum, adopted in 1998, set forth by the Blue Ribbon Task Force (comprised of national experts in psychopharmacology including physicians, psychiatrists, Department of Defense Demonstration Project prescribing psychologists, neuroscientists, pharmacists and nurses). In addition, the NMSU program adheres to all regulations set forth by the New Mexico Board of Psychologist Examiners and the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners. And is designed in congruence with New Mexico state law for prescribing psychologists. The program is dynamic, changing with the field, and has been modified according to recommended revisions of the American Psychological Association in 2009, then again in 2019 (<https://www.apa.org/education/grad/rxp-designation-criteria.pdf>). The MSCP is an APA Designated Postdoctoral Psychopharmacology Education and Training Program. New Mexico State University is only one of three university programs in the country with said designation status.

This program includes two separate degree tracks: clinical and non-clinical.

Non-Clinical Track

The non-clinical track includes two (2) years of coursework and requires the ASPPB governed, national Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists (PEP).

Program of Study:

Prefix	Title	Credits
RXPP 6110	Introduction to Psychopharmacology for Psychologists I	3
RXPP 6120	Introduction to Psychopharmacology for Psychologists II	3
RXPP 6210	Clinical Psychopharmacology I	3
RXPP 6220	Clinical Psychopharmacology II	3
RXPP 6230	Clinical Psychopharmacology III	3
RXPP 6310	Pathophysiology for Psychologists I	3
RXPP 6320	Pathophysiology for Psychologists II	3
RXPP 6330	Pathophysiology for Psychologists III	3
RXPP 6410	Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations I	3
RXPP 6420	Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations II	3
RXPP 6996	Selected Topics	3
Total Credits		33

Clinical Track

The clinical track includes two (2) years of coursework (including hands-on experiential lab training in neurosciences, pathophysiology, and physical assessment), embedded supervised clinical fieldwork, and a final Capstone Examination/Project.

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RXPP 6320	Pathophysiology for Psychologists II	3
RXPP 6330	Pathophysiology for Psychologists III	3
RXPP 6410	Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations I	3
RXPP 6420	Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations II	3
RXPP 6510	Supervised Experience in Psychopharmacology I	3
RXPP 6520	Supervised Experience in Psychopharmacology II	3
RXPP 6996	Selected Topics	3
Total Credits		39