

College of Arts & Sciences

Master of Arts in Psychology

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the [priority deadlines](#). *International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the [International Requirements Page](#), for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.*

- Complete graduate application form and submit the \$55 non-refundable application fee. Fee is waived for Seattle University alumni and employees.
- Provide evidence of a minimum of four-year baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution or U.S. equivalent. As evidence please submit an official, degree-posted transcript from last 90 quarter/60 semester graded credits of your bachelor's degree, including any transfer credit earned during this time, and any post-baccalaureate course work.
- Transcripts must show a minimum of 3.00 GPA in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits. In special cases, probationary admission possible with less than 3.00 GPA. Applicants earning a bachelor's degree from non-graded institutions must submit official scores from Graduate Record Exam (GRE) in lieu of GPA.
- Upload a professional résumé documenting at least 600 hours of human services experience (paid or volunteer). Fill out the clinical experience section describing this work in the online application. See the FAQ section of the program website for what counts as "human services" work experience.
- Demonstrate at least a beginning understanding of existential phenomenological psychology. For some introductory readings on the approach, please look at the [Suggested Reading List on the program website](#).
- Provide a personal autobiographical essay (minimum of six pages). This should include information on your current and future interests in the field of psychology and the practice of therapy. The essay should be detailed enough to give a concrete sense of your personal, intellectual, and vocational development. We would ask you to include reflections on important work or volunteer experiences, on influential courses or readings, and on significant personal events and experiences that help to explain why you are applying to **this specific program with its focus on existential-phenomenological psychology**.
- Request three recommendations using forms provided through application.
- Complete the prerequisite course form indicating coursework that you have completed and your plan for completing any of the 6 required courses you have not yet completed. NOTE: Prerequisite coursework and human service experience do not need to be completed by the application deadline. To be competitive in the application process, however, we will expect that you are well underway with completing the course requirements and human service work experience at the point at which you are applying. If you are admitted to the program all remaining coursework and professional experience must be completed before the start of the program.
- Provide a writing sample, such as an undergraduate paper.
- Applicants for whom English is a non-native language must demonstrate English proficiency regardless of completion of English language studies, immigration status, or length of residence in the United States or an English-speaking country, with the following exception. Graduate applicants with a baccalaureate or higher degrees from recognized colleges in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia and who have continued to reside in countries where English is the primary language for at least two years prior to applying to Seattle University will have this requirement waived. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 92 (IBT), or 580 (PBT); the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 7.0; PTE score of 63.

Send documents directly to Graduate Admissions:

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