

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 3/07	California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant International University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology	Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies	Prescribing Psychologists' Register (PPR)	Southwestern Institute for the Advancement of Psychotherapy (A collaborative program with New Mexico State University)	The Psychopharmacology Institute	
Official Name of Program	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Psychopharmacology Postdoctoral Training Program	Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	Prescription Privilege Preparation Training	SIAP/INSU Master's Degree in Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Certificate in Psychopharmacology	
Program Administration	Steven Tulkin, Ph.D., (Director) Wendy Stock, Ph.D. (Associate Director) Michael Newman (Executive Program Assistant)	Robert E. McGrath, Ph.D. (Director) Martha Sparks (Administrative Assistant)	Stanley Berman, Ph.D. (Director)	A. Eugene Shapiro, Ph.D. (Director) Donna Brodsky, Admin. Asst	Samuel A. Feldman, Ph.D., FAPM, FICPP (President) Yaumara Lindo, Administration Director	Elaire Levine, Ph.D., Prescribing Psychologist, Training Director, Douglas Hoffman, Ph.D., Educational Director	Matthew B.R. Nessetti, Ph.D., M.P. (Program Chair) Heather Bizon (Student Coordinator)	
Program Address	Alliant International University One Beach Street San Francisco, CA 94133	School of Psychology T-WH1-01 Fairleigh Dickinson University Teaneck, NJ 07666	Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology 221 Rivermoor Street Boston, MA 02132	Nova Southeastern University Center for Psychological Studies 3301 College Avenue FT. Lauderdale, FL 33314	2110 N.E. 206St Miami, FL 33179-2229	1395 Missouri Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88001	The Psychopharmacology Institute 4545 South 86th Street Lincoln, NE 68526	
Telephone Number	415-955-2163	866-247-2411	617-327-8777 x 200	954-262-5745 (Shapiro)	305-931-3552	505-522-5466	402-483-6990 1-888-210-8064	
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Website Addresses	www.roxypharm.alliant.edu	www.roxypharm.com	www.psychopharm.mspp.edu	www.cps.nova.edu , then click on Programs Offered	www.pppsych.com	www.siap/insu.com	www.nmtc-clinics.com/pages/TF/ippb.html	
Primary Model Outcome	Postdoctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology	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 Masters Degree in Psychopharmacology	Postdoctoral Certificate in Psychopharmacology - credit transferable to two regionally accredited institutions for a Postdoctoral Masters Degree in Psychopharmacology	
Credits	CE: 450 Academic: 28.8	CE: 480 Academic: 30	CE: 80 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)	CE: 456 (corresponds with 33 academic credits)	
Curriculum	Details	Details	Details	Details	Details	Details	Details	
Approximate Length	28 months (classes meet approximately every third weekend)	24 months	24 months (September-June)	24 months	24 months	27 months	24-36 months	
Projected # Hours/Week	3-7 hours per week, depending on prior coursework and experiences	6-12 hours	5-15 hours	10 weeks over two years: 37.5 - 45.2.6 hours hrs per week on campus.	3-12 hours per week, depending on prior coursework, particular class and experiences	10-15 hours per week	10-15 hours per week	
# of students enrolled in at least one course since January 2003	250+	100+	48	30	225	80	80	
# who have completed program (as of 2007)	285	83	31	21	1000+	25	25	
Cost	\$11,800	\$12,000-13,000	\$13,350	\$11,200	Starts at \$3,400	\$867.20 per three-credit semester	\$7,700	
Other Expenses	App. \$1,000 for books, travel to meetings	App. \$700 for books, travel to meetings	Approx. \$1000 for books, travel to meetings	App. \$900 books, travel to 10 meetings	Travel expenses	App. \$1,000 for books, stethoscope, travel to meetings	Approximately \$700 for books - no travel required	
Practicum Model	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	Program offers practicum documentation, and offers 50 hrs of group supervision; will assist 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	The preceptorship is done in collaboration with a local preceptor. All documentation and guidance provided by TPI following Academy of Medical Psychology (AMP) criteria	
Timing of Practicum	Upon completion of didactic program	Upon or near completion of didactic program	Upon 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	On or near completion of didactic program	
Cost	\$155	\$340 per semester	\$2,475	Cost included in tuition	None	\$687.20 per three-credit semester	Included in tuition	
Other Clinical Experiences	No	Weekly case conference/chat during didactic program	5 day PEP Review Course for \$995	Chat room, class email, WebCT for some courses, facilitators	None	80-hour pathophysiology practicum with internal medicine or family physician; voluntary field trips, such as organ dissection at coroner's office	80-hour pathophysiology practicum with internal medicine or family physician; web-based video streaming of physical examinations of 11 body systems	

CSPP Program Model

Most students participate in a residential program, but students living over 100 miles from a teaching site can attend through audio conference call using class handouts and videotapes of classes.

CSPP Curriculum

Course Title	CE Credits	Academic Credits
Introduction to the Psychological Model	12	0.8
Clinical Biochemistry	24	1.6
Neurosciences: Neurochemistry	24	1.6
Neurosciences: Neurophysiology	24	1.6
Neurosciences:	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
Pharmacotherapeutics: Research Issues, Ethical and Legal Issues, Psychotherapy/Pharmacotherapy Interactions	36	2.4
Total Classroom Credit:	432	28.8
PEP Preparation Course (home study)	18	
Totals:	450	

[FDU Program Model](#)

Though the bulk of the curriculum is delivered through a distance format, students meet five weekends during the course of training.

[FDU Curriculum](#)

Course Title	CE Credits	Academic Credits
Biological Foundations of Psychopharmacological Practice I	48	3
Biological Foundations of Psychopharmacological Practice II	48	3
Neuroscience	48	3
Neuropharmacology	48	3
Clinical Pharmacology	48	3
Professional Issues & Practice Management	48	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Affective Disorders	48	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Psychotic Disorders	48	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Anxiety Disorders	48	3
Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychopharmacology: Other Disorders	48	3
Totals:	480	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 physiology and an overview of gross and microanatomy	3
CEP 802 Principles of organic chemistry and human biochemistry	3
CEP 803 Introduction to pharmacology: pharmacoepidemiology, ethical, and legal issues; principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics	3
CEP 804 Diagnosis and treatment of affective disorders	3
CEP 805 Diagnosis and treatment of psychosis	3
CEP 806 Introduction to human clinical physical assessment, history taking, charting, and laboratory testing and neuroimaging	3
CEP 807 Physical assessment and pathophysiology	3
CEP 808 Physical assessment and pathophysiology	3
CEP 809 Psychopharmacology of special populations	3
CEP 810 Pathophysiology and treatment of substance use disorders	3
Preceptorship	6
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