

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the Fairleigh Dickinson University M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology. The program is designed to be comprehensive, yet convenient for psychologists interested in advancing their potential as collaborative mental health practitioners.

We are proud of the quality of the program we have developed, for several reasons:

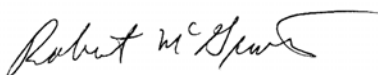
- Our curriculum was designed in consultation with Anita Brown, Ph.D., our Curriculum Consultant and a graduate of the Department of Defense Psychopharmacology Demonstration Project. In fact, four of the 10 graduates of the DoD program have been involved in the development of our curriculum. In terms of course hours, the curriculum meets or exceeds the requirements for postdoctoral training in psychopharmacology outlined in the *APA Recommended Postdoctoral Education and Training Program for Prescriptive Authority*.
- Because of the flexible nature of the program we have been able to attract nationally recognized experts as instructors and presenters.
- Distributed learning methods such as lectures on CD provide a strong basis for didactic training, while frequent interaction online and case reports allow for the integration of information through clinical material and practical exercises.
- The program has been endorsed by the Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, and Tennessee Psychological Associations for the training of their members.

Completion of the course curriculum leads to the postdoctoral degree Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology. We believe awarding a degree for completion of the program is appropriate given its academic rigor, and will be more effective in psychologists' efforts to receive independent or collaborative prescriptive authority. Each course results in receiving 45 APA-approved CE credits, as well as 3 graduate credits. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.

Enclosed you will find an information and program application packet. This information is also available at our web site, [www.rxpsychology.com](http://www.rxpsychology.com). To begin courses in September, please send your application by July 15. To begin courses in January, please send your application by November 15. We strongly recommend beginning courses in September.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the program's Administrative Assistant, Noemy Abboud, toll-free at 866-247-2411, or [msclinpharm@fdu.edu](mailto:msclinpharm@fdu.edu). You may also want to visit our website, [www.rxpsychology.com](http://www.rxpsychology.com). We look forward to speaking with you about this exciting program, and participating in your professional development.

Sincerely,



Robert McGrath, Ph.D.  
Training Director  
M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology

# APA President, Dr. Patrick DeLeon, Focuses His Effort On Preparing Practitioners For The Likelihood Of Gaining Prescribing Authority.

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Interest in FDU's program continues to escalate in the wake of national publicity on this extremely important aspect of mental health care. The FDU program is intended to provide the knowledge component and practicum as outlined in the American Psychological Association *Recommended Postdoctoral Training in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Privileges* (APA Council of Representatives, August 12, 1996). In fact, Dr. Patrick DeLeon, APA President, featured information about FDU's program and its curriculum director, Dr. Anita Brown, in a column in the Division 18 newsletter this month.

In reviewing information presented at the APA Annual Conference in Washington D.C. this past August, Dr. DeLeon focused his attention on efforts to prepare practitioners for the likelihood of gaining prescriptive authority:

"RxP Training Modules: Also at the convention, the Assistant Secretary for Health and U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, responding to an audience question regarding prescriptive authority, replied: "I'm not sure I know all the issues involved in that, but my basic position is that the privileges should be consistent with the training. So I think clearly if we can demonstrate that psychologists have the training to prescribe, then they should be allowed to prescribe." Former DoD Fellow Anita Brown has been working closely with Robert McGrath of the School of Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University to ensure that those practitioners in the field who are personally interested in obtaining prescriptive authority will have ready access to a high quality, user-friendly program. Anita's innovative postdoctoral training module utilizes a forward thinking and integrated approach to psychopharmacology education. The curriculum incorporates progressive learning methods from schools of medicine, nursing, and related prescribing professions and will definitely meet the specific educational requirements proposed by APA's model training curriculum.

... Anita's efforts are targeted towards the working professional, providing distance learning university-based education, without requiring attendance at traditional, campus-based classrooms.

#### **There will be 10 [7.5]-week courses consisting of:**

- A sequence of four core courses providing the basic science foundation and knowledge base in pathophysiology, neuroscience, health assessment, and pharmacology for clinical applications.

- A comprehensive clinical pharmacology course presenting the major classes of drugs.
- A professional issues course addressing the legal and ethical considerations and related "standard of care" topics.
- A series of four treatment courses addressing specific categories of mental disorder and the related psychopharmacological issues, will conclude the didactic portion of the program. There will also be a supervised Clinical Practicum Elective, providing the opportunity of applying one's newly acquired knowledge under the guidance of a preceptor in the practitioner's local community.

#### **Additional highlights of Anita's program include: A state-of-the-art distance learning delivery system providing:**

- Internet-enabled curriculum and coursework, with online discussion groups, message boards, and e-mail between faculty and students.
- Videotaped presentations and textbooks, providing the latest information from national experts.
- The Compass Learning System™ includes mentor-professors hosting online sessions and monitoring the discussion boards to guide the busy practitioner through the program.
- Information packed manuals and documentation allowing instant integration of the course work into one's professional practice.

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**... and will definitely meet the specific educational requirements proposed by APA's model training curriculum.**

#### **Help shape the future of the practice of psychology!**

This groundbreaking, distance learning program for the working healthcare professional is being offered through Fairleigh Dickinson. To enroll, please contact Noemy Abboud, the Administrative Assistant to the Academic Director of the Psychopharmacology Postdoctoral Training Program at 866-247-2411 with any questions you might have and to discuss your admission.

We look forward to guiding your study and application of knowledge about this very timely and valuable information.

***PLEASE READ THIS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE***

- **Please print or type your information.**
- **Eligibility:** The M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology is open to health service provider psychologists as defined by state law or by the American Psychological Association. The latter includes any psychologist who has completed a doctoral degree or postdoctoral respecialization program and internship focusing on “the delivery of preventive, assessment, diagnostic and therapeutic intervention services relative to the psychological and physical health of consumers,” and received state licensure as a psychologist. Applicants must submit an official (sealed) transcript from every institution that granted them a degree from bachelor’s level through doctorate, and any other evidence necessary to demonstrate they meet requirements for a health service provider psychologist (e.g., regulations from the state in which they are licensed). In addition, please submit a copy of your license for our records. If you are not yet licensed please contact us to review your options.
- **Name:** Keep in mind that the name you provide here will serve both as your name for university records (e.g., your diplomas and CE certificates) as well as your online identity (e.g., the name that appears for you in chats).
- **Program Schedule:** The complete didactic program consists of 10 7.5-week courses divided across 5 15-week semesters. Courses run sequentially, so participants complete one course at a time. Semesters run January-April, May-August, and September-December. Upon completion of the didactic program, participants may opt to enroll in a practicum as part of the supervised clinical experience required to complete the APA Level 3 training curriculum. Fall start is recommended; if you are interested in Spring start, please discuss this with the Program Director first.
- **Course/Program Outcomes:** Completion of each course results in the award of 48 continuing education credits and 3 graduate credits. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Psychology maintains responsibility for the program. After completing the program’s qualifying examination, you will receive the degree Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology.
- **Tuition:** Tuition for each course is \$1400, with a \$100 reduction fellowship available for members of state or provincial psychological associations, or APA Divisions 18 and 55. Tuition for the practicum is \$360 per semester, regardless of the number of cases documented. These fees are subject to change by the University. If you are requesting the discount, please state the justification for your request on the application.
- **Minimum Computer Requirements:**  
Hardware: Desktop, Laptop, or Portable with Pentium II 300 MHz processor; 64 MB RAM; 2 GB Free Hard Drive Space; Broadband Internet Access.  
  
Software: Windows XP or higher; MS Office 97 or higher; Email Address; Internet Browser; Java Plug-in; Windows Media Player, Real Media Player, and Adobe Acrobat Reader.

**Please mail your application with your non-refundable application fee (\$30 US) to:**

**Psychopharmacology Program Admissions  
School of Psychology T-WH1-01  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Teaneck NJ 07666**



Student Information – Please print or type all information.

Last Name: First Name: Middle:

Social Security Number: Date of Birth: Male Female

Home Postal Address:

Home Phone: Work Phone:

Employer Name & Address (Street/City/St/Zip):

Fax: E-mail Address (REQUIRED):

Nation of Citizenship: Resident Alien (US) or Permanent Resident (CA) Number:

Ethnic Origin (Optional): Native American/Alaskan Native/Native Canadian Black (not of Hispanic origin) White (not of Hispanic origin) Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic

Anticipated Term of Enrollment

Fall (Sep-Dec) (year) Spring (Jan-Apr) (year)

Eligibility Information

Highest Degree Earned: Ph.D. Psy.D. Ed.D. Other (please specify):

Institution and dates of attendance:

State/Prov. Licensure ID#: State/Prov.: State/Prov. Licensure Agency Phone #:

I am a health service provider as defined by state law or by APA policy (see Eligibility section of Instructions): Yes No

If No explain what conditions you do not meet:

If you are requesting the tuition discount, please provide justification below. Be specific; in particular, if your request is based on membership in a state or provincial psychological association, please identify the state or province and include a contact telephone number for that association:

I will abide by the Program’s practices concerning registration and course scheduling. I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and I understand that false and fraudulent statements within this application may result in denial of admission, disciplinary action, and invalidation of continuing professional education credits earned. If enrolled, I hereby agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the Program. I have reviewed program guidelines for computer equipment, and will have at least the minimum required equipment.

Signature of Applicant Date

YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- The completed application form.
An official sealed transcript from all degree-granting institutions (undergraduate and graduate). If you respecialized to become a clinician, also submit proof of respecialization program completion. These may be provided under separate cover.
A copy of your current license to practice psychology.
An application fee of \$30 US payable to Fairleigh Dickinson University. This fee is non-refundable.

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