



Thank you for choosing the JFK School of Psychology at National University Psy.D. program. In January 2021, this program was administratively transferred from National University System affiliate John F. Kennedy University (JFKU) to National University.

In the United States, each state makes its own rules regarding the educational requirements for licensure of psychologists. As such, requirements for professional licensure and certification can vary markedly by state. The JFK School of Psychology at National University, Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) **meets** the educational degree completion requirements for licensure in the state of **California** as a Licensed Psychologist.

Since many states have unique licensing requirements, the JFK School of Psychology at National University, Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) cannot confirm whether its Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) degree meets all the educational, licensure, and certification requirements in **any state other than California**. Further, these requirements can change frequently and often without notice.

It is important to know that some states require that students have a degree from an APA-accredited program. In addition, some agencies of the federal government only hire graduates of APA-accredited programs. If you wish to work for such an agency, please contact them directly for further information on hiring requirements.

We advise you to contact your state licensing and certification body to ensure the degree will meet requirements for licensure in the state in which you seek to be licensed. For licensing board contact information and approval status, please see the [Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards](#) website. For all students, applicants, or prospective students seeking licensure in any state, please review the chart below outlining the University’s determination about the program’s curriculum and how it relates to the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in that respective state.

PROGRAM MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIRMENTS	PROGRAM DOES NOT MEET EDUCATIONAL REQUIRMENTS	CANNOT BE CONFIRMED IF PROGRAM MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIRMENTS
California		All other states, including the District of Columbia and the US protectorates, as defined in 34 CFR §600.2.

It is strongly encouraged that students, applicants, and prospective students determine any *additional (i.e., non-educational)* requirements for licensure in the state in which they seek to be licensed. Many licensure boards require more than successful degree completion to obtain a license, such as completion of an examination(s), test(s), background check(s), internship/practicum hours, and other requirements determined by the respective state board. It is the responsibility of the student



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completing the licensure program to check with the respective state licensing board(s) for the most recent information, rules and requirements.

The JFKU Psy.D. program had been American Psychological Association (APA)-accredited since 2003, and moved to "*accredited, inactive*" status in 2021. Meaning that while it remains APA-accredited for all students enrolled prior to 2021, new students will be admitted to an identical program (same curriculum and faculty), the JFK School of Psychology at National University Psy.D. program, which will seek APA accreditation on an accelerated timeline. **Until accreditation is achieved, the program will be unaccredited by APA.**

National University cannot guarantee that APA accreditation will be granted. There is a possibility that the program may not be accredited before you finish the Program, and if you transfer to another institution before National University obtains this accreditation, your credits may not be transferable. If the JFK School of Psychology at National University Psy.D. program becomes APA-accredited in the future, all students admitted will receive all the benefits of attending an APA-accredited doctoral program.

The JFK School of Psychology at National University Psy.D. program continues to be regionally accredited (by WSCUC), which means that eligible students may apply for federal loans, work-study funds, and other available benefits.

Questions about WSCUC accreditation can be addressed at:

985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone: 510-748-9001

Questions about the progress of the "new" program toward APA-accreditation can be addressed to Douglas C. Haldeman, PhD, PsyD Program Director at dhaldeman@jfk.edu.

As a program seeking APA-accredited program status, our students are strongly encouraged to complete their internship at an APA-accredited site. Students are required to use the APPIC (Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers) system for application to internships and a minimum of 80% of student applications must be submitted to APA-accredited sites.