The M.S. in Psychology with a concentration in Clinical Psychology provides students with a degree that confers eligibility to sit for the State of California Marriage and Family Therapy license after completing 3,000 approved hours, 1,700 hours of which must be acquired post masters.

Graduate Programs in Psychology
Application to a graduate program is completed through the Cal State Apply (https://www2.calstate.edu/apply) application process.

The graduate admission application must be submitted by the deadline to be considered for admission. The department accepts applications for the fall semester only, with a deadline of February 1st. The Clinical and School Psychology programs generally require an interview during the admissions process.

Applicants to each Psychology graduate program are required to submit the results of the Graduate Record Examination — verbal, quantitative, and writing sections. Applicants should check the current application of the program they are applying to for the other requirements.

Students who intend to work toward the M.A. or the M.S. in Psychology must meet the prerequisites outlined at the beginning of each concentration.

Undergraduate deficiencies are to be rectified, as the graduate advisor deems fit, without being included as part of the program for a master’s degree.

To advance to candidacy, graduate students must meet all the general requirements for the specific program in which they are involved.

Written English Proficiency Requirement
Level One
A score of 4.0 or better on the GRE Analytical Writing Test or equivalent.

Level Two
Satisfactory completion of the Comprehensive Written Examination (PSY 896 or PSY 896EXM [0 units]) or PSY 898 Master’s Thesis.

Prerequisites
Preparation in psychology, or other fields which emphasize understanding of human functioning, as any of the social sciences or, in some instances, in fields that deal with specialized forms of human expression and experience. Required prerequisites are coursework in psychological statistics and upper-division courses in personality theory and abnormal psychology. Coursework in developmental psychology and cultural perspectives is desirable. Preparation should also include experience working directly with people in a helping or service-oriented situation.