



Hood College DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

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As part of The Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral and Health Sciences, Hood psychology and counseling majors explore the complexities of behavior—from first responses at birth to the process of death and dying. In all of our programs, you will gain specialized training to support the mental health of individuals and communities.

Conduct research with faculty and present your findings at national conferences. Collaborate with the NeighborHood Counseling Training Center and take advantage of our counseling simulation rooms. Pursue an internship with top-level organizations and work alongside certified counselors. Join our student-run Psychology Club or Chi Sigma Iota, the counseling honor society, and Psi Chi, the psychology honor society

Our program connects classroom learning with real-world experiences to prepare you for graduate school or careers in applied research and science or counseling and therapy.

THROUGH RESEARCH
OR CLINICAL
PRACTICE, MAKE
A CAREER OUT OF
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I highly recommend Hood's psychology and counseling programs because the professors are truly invested in student success. There are numerous opportunities to conduct research with faculty support, where students create and present their own projects. This hands-on experience was not only invaluable in building my practical skills and confidence, but it also encouraged creativity and made the research process enjoyable.

—KATIE CAUTERO '23
Psychology Major



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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Art Therapy (B.A.)
- Psychology (B.A.)
- Biopsychology Minor
- Psychology Minor
- 4PLUS Art Therapy (B.A.) + Counseling (M.S.)
- 4PLUS Psychology (B.A.) + Counseling (M.S.)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Counseling (M.S.)
 - Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration
 - School Counseling Concentration
- Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D.)
- Thanatology Certificate
- Trauma, Crisis, Grief and Loss Certificate

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Hood's location near Baltimore and Washington, D.C., makes it possible to secure exciting internships:

- Brook Lane Hospital
- Frederick County Juvenile and Social Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Frederick County Mental Health Association
- Monocacy Neurodevelopmental Center
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- The Smithsonian Institute
- The White House
- Way Station, Inc.

BEYOND YOUR BACHELOR'S

A psychology degree from Hood is excellent preparation for entry-level careers in many human services settings, including administration, outreach and outpatient programs, community homes, schools and nonprofits. However, many careers in this field require an advanced degree and a license to practice. About two-thirds of our psychology majors pursue graduate studies at Hood or other institutions.

We offer a master's program with two unique tracks as well as two certificate programs. The counseling M.S. provides training in clinical mental health counseling



or school counseling, structured to allow graduates to become licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPC) or certified school counselors. The program also has an optional certificate program in thanatology, which focuses on the study of death, dying, grief and bereavement, and a certificate in trauma, crisis, grief and loss. Finally, our Ph.D. program in counselor education and supervision prepares you for advanced clinical practice and leadership at the highest level.

Hood graduate counseling students also have access to the NeighborHood Counseling Training Center, where they work with licensed supervisors to provide mental health services for real patients in the community.

4PLUS

Hood's 4PLUS program combines undergraduate and graduate studies to save you time and money. By working with your adviser, you can start taking courses toward your master's in your junior or senior year and earn dual-course credit for both your bachelor's and master's degree.

Psychology majors and art therapy majors can work toward a master's in counseling. The counseling M.S. program is highly competitive and selective—4PLUS is the perfect way to accelerate your journey to become a working counselor.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

There is high demand for mental health professionals, with strong projected job growth.

- Behavioral Analyst
- Clinical Psychologist
- Community Health Specialist
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Neuropsychiatrist
- School Counselor
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Therapist



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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

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