

**School and Clinical Child Psychology (SCCP)  
Program FAQ**

**Q: How do I apply to the program?**

A: General information about the application process can be found on the right-hand side of our main program page here:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/education/programs/graduate-programs/school-and-clinical-child-psychology.html>

**Q: What type of background do I need to apply to this program?**

A: To be adequately prepared for the advanced specialized coursework that is offered by our program, we expect applicants to have a strong background in psychology and research. Applicants from other related fields (e.g., Education, Sociology, etc.) will need to meet the minimum academic requirements listed on our website and are encouraged to have as much training and experience in psychology and research as possible to be competitive for our programs. If you have questions about eligibility for graduate studies, you should contact Graduate Student Services or refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/graduate-studies/admissions-programs/apply/apply-in-gsms.html>

**Q: Can I receive feedback on an application to the program that was made in a previous year?**

A: No, we are unable to provide individualized feedback regarding previous applications. For more information on the evaluation criteria that is used during the review of applications, please refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/education/programs/graduate-programs/school-and-clinical-child-psychology.html>

**Q: Am I required to complete both the Master's and Ph.D. programs?**

A: No, but it is highly recommended that students entering the M.Ed. program also complete the Ph.D. program to benefit from the full sequence of courses and practicum experiences that have been carefully designed by the program faculty. It should also be noted that only the Ph.D. program in School and Clinical Child Psychology is accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association.

**Q: Which of my courses (undergraduate or undergraduate) meet the criteria for registration as a Psychologist in Alberta?**

A: If you have questions regarding Registration as a Psychologists in Alberta, then you should contact the College of Alberta Psychologists: <http://cap.ab.ca/>

**Q: Can I apply to the Ph.D. program if I have a Master's degree from another institution?**

A: Yes, but previous courses and experience (e.g., practicum) will be reviewed by program faculty to ensure equivalency between an applicant's previous Master's degree and the Master's degree offered by the SCCP program. If an applicant is from a different specialization within professional psychology (e.g., Counselling Psychology), it is likely that, if admitted to the Ph.D. program, they will be required to take additional coursework and practica. If an applicant is not from a professional program, they will likely need to complete the Master's program before they can apply to the Ph.D. program.

**Q: Can I take SCCP required courses that are focused on professional practice (e.g., psychological assessment, intervention, practica) without being enrolled in the Master's or Ph.D. programs?**

A: No, required courses that focus on professional practice (e.g., psychological assessment, intervention, practica) are taken as a cohort are not available to students who are not enrolled in our programs. For more information on course restrictions, see the University of Alberta course calendar.

**Q: Can I apply to the SCCP program from outside of Canada?**

A: Yes, we welcome applications from international students. Students are required to meet requirements established by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in addition to having a sufficient background in Psychology and research. The link for the Faculty of Graduate Studies is: <https://www.ualberta.ca/en/graduate-studies/admissions-programs/apply/international-academic-requirements/index.html>