



College of Education and Human Development

Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology

PP-7110-02-7 : Professionalization Group I

Kieffer 10, Mondays, 1:00—2:00 PM | Credits: 01 | Section: 02 | Term: Fall 2026

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Communication

The professor can be reached by email or phone, with email response times expected within 48 hours M–F. In-person meetings are always an option, so please let the professor know if you'd prefer an in-person meeting.

School & Department

School	Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology
Location	Kieffer Hall #11A
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Questions	Contact your instructor or the Program Coordinator

Course Description & Materials

Catalog Description

These discussion groups for first-year students are led by a core faculty. Students discuss topics related to professional psychology and the development of a professional identity. The faculty leading the group helps students with academic and field training planning, general consultation on problems or difficulties in the program, and questions emerging during the student's first-year academic experience.

Course Snapshot

Modality	Face-to-Face
Meeting Location	Kieffer 10
Meeting Days/Times	Mondays, 1:00—2:00 PM
Time Commitment	This is a one-credit hour course
Required Textbooks	American Psychological Association (2021). <i>Mastering APA style student Workbook</i> (7th ed.). Washington DC: APA. https://apastyle.apa.org/products/mastering-apa-style?tab=3

	American Psychological Association (2020). <i>Publication manual of the American Psychological Association</i> (7th ed.). https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000 Sharma, R. (2020). <i>The unwritten rules of professional etiquette: Building a positive reputation in graduate school</i>. Habile Press.
Required Readings	American Psychological Association (2011). <i>Careers in psychology</i>. Retrieved from: https://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.pdf American Psychological Association (2017). <i>Ethical principles of psychologists and code of conduct</i>. Retrieved from: https://www.apa.org/ethics/code/ethics-code-2017. American Psychological Association (2022, September). Clinical psychology. Retrieved from: https://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/clinical American Psychological Association (1990) Retrieved from: https://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/policy/provider-guidelines Patallo, B.J. (2019). The multicultural guidelines in practice: Cultural humility in clinical training and supervision. <i>American Psychologist</i>, 13(3), 227-232. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/tep0000253 Tomlinson, E.R., Yousaf, O., Vitterson, A.D., & Jones, L (2018). Dispositional mindfulness and psychological health: A systematic review. <i>Mindfulness</i>, 9, 24-43.
Required Technology	A laptop will be required in order to complete courses in the Clinical Psychology program. The laptop should have current operating systems, a current antivirus program, a document program (e.g., Word), a presentation program (e.g., PowerPoint), and Adobe Acrobat. It should have a standard web browser, and students should have an internet or broadband connection with speed and connectivity to support internet searches and video conferencing. Most courses are paperless, but a printer/scanner may also be required.
Canvas	Course materials, announcements, and grades are posted to Canvas (chaminade.instructure.com).

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

The Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu's clinical psychology doctoral program's aim is to educate and train students employing a practitioner-scholar model so that they will be able to function effectively as clinical psychologists. To ensure that students are adequately prepared, the curriculum is designed to provide for the meaningful integration of psychological science, theory, and clinical practice. The clinical psychology program at the Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology is designed to emphasize the development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential in the training of health service psychologists who are committed to the ethical provision of quality, evidence-based services to diverse populations and who are able to apply multiple theoretical perspectives to clinical issues.

The Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu's clinical psychology doctoral program subscribes to the American Psychological Association (APA) Standards of Accreditation. As such, students are expected to establish an identity in and orientation to health service psychology by acquiring the necessary discipline-specific knowledge and profession-wide competencies. Upon completion of the PSYD degree in clinical psychology, students will be able to:

1. Apply ethical and legal standards relevant to the practice of clinical psychology, including professional ethics that guide professional behavior.
2. Apply professional communication and interpersonal skills, to include the utilization of clear, informed, and well-integrated communication, as well as effective interpersonal skills across settings.
3. Apply professional values and attitudes across settings, including self-reflective practice and openness to supervision and feedback.
4. Apply awareness of individual and cultural diversity, including knowledge of theoretical models and diversity research that serve to guide the application of diversity competence.
5. Articulate and integrate the history and systems of psychology as well as the basic areas in scientific psychology, including affective, biological, cognitive, developmental, psychopharmacological, and sociocultural aspects of behavior.
6. Conduct science in psychology, applying psychometrics, statistical analyses, and quantitative and qualitative research methods.
7. Competently perform psychological assessments, including the ability to administer, interpret, integrate, and convey results of psychological tests.
8. Competently perform clinical interventions, including case formulation, theoretical conceptualization, developing and applying evidence-based treatment plans, and evaluating treatment effectiveness in work with clients.
9. Apply knowledge of consultation models and practices, including interprofessional and interdisciplinary skills in consultative services.
10. Articulate supervision models and practices, including areas of ethics and potential conflicts.
11. Apply the Marianist values, through acts of community service, justice, and peace.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon completion of Professionalization Group this semester:

1. Students will prepare for their new roles as graduate students by reviewing program, university, and degree expectations/requirements and by preparing for future writing, presenting, collaboration, and peer support experiences. (Competency 2)
2. Students will develop self-reflection, self-management, and self-care skills to address academic, professional, and general life stressors. (Competency 3)
3. Students will develop their awareness of diversity issues in clinical psychology. (Competency 4)
4. Students will acquire introductory APA-style writing skills through discussion and modular assessment and submission feedback. (Competency 2)
5. Students will develop introductory interview skills. (Competency 2)

Marianist Values

An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles. Reflect on how this course relates to one or more:

1. Education for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is central to both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture — both seek transformative, value-centered learning that serves the marginalized. This is reflected in the ‘Ōlelo No‘eau (Hawaiian proverbs) below:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana): E ola au i ke akua (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 364) — May I live by God.
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na‘auao): Lawe i ka ma‘alea a kū‘ono‘ono (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1957) — Acquire skill and make it deep.
3. Educate in Family Spirit (‘Ohana): ‘Ike aku, ‘ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1200) — Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped.
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha): Ka lama kū o ka no‘eau (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 1430) — Education is the standing torch of wisdom.
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina): ‘A‘ohe pau ka ‘ike i ka hālau ho‘okahi (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 203) — All knowledge is not taught in the same school.

Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes

CLO alignment is displayed in the CLO section above.

Attendance & In-Class Participation

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to regularly attend all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevent them from attending class, and they should make arrangements to obtain missed information and complete missed assignments. It is the instructor’s prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade. Students may be automatically withdrawn from the class or receive a failing grade if there are three or more absences in a 16-week term. With the condensed nature of the 8-week terms, missing class one day (e.g., 6-hours of class) would be equivalent to two absences in a 16-week term.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu ADA Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes. Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review options. Anyone who stops attending a course without an official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor’s discretion.

In-Class Participation Expectations

Active, respectful engagement is essential. Students are expected to come prepared and contribute meaningfully to discussions, activities, and collaborative work.

Course Requirements and Activities

Attendance and Participation

It is expected that the student be respectful and sensitive towards their peers and themselves. Given the course’s focus on didactic, discussion, participation, and especially experiential learning, the student is expected to attend all classes and be on time. It is also expected that the student will inform the professor ahead of time if they will be late or absent for a class. If the student is tardy or misses a class, they are responsible for finding out what material was covered in addition to making up missed work. I encourage you to consult with me to review material missed and for make-up work. Additionally, a student who is chronically tardy may need to repeat the Seminar. A student who misses 3 or more classes may be required to repeat the Seminar.

	The instructor's assumptions include the understanding that learning is a shared responsibility; there is a positive correlation between one's active participation and one's learning; and that there are many valid truths and perspectives that are useful in developing self-awareness and critical thinking. The development of critical thinking skills can be facilitated by qualities such as openness, fair-mindedness, curiosity, valuing clarity, respecting different points of view, the willingness to change positions, and the ability to find equanimity.
APA Publication Manual Modules	These are self-paced, asynchronous course modules that students must successfully complete by the end of the term. For the Fall course, students must successfully pass two modules: 1) Writing style and grammar, and 2) Bias free-language. Students will submit proof (e.g., copies, screenshots) of the module completions.
Professional Development Plan	Students are to write a one-page, double-spaced, APA formatted paper detailing their professional development plan. Students will orally present their reflection paper to the class.
Diversity Reflection Paper and Presentation	Students are to write a one-page, double spaced, APA-formatted reflection paper based in part on the assignments thus far. The first prompt is: Describe how your current diversity awareness can be both detrimental and beneficial in working with a client. The second half of the paper is your reflection on how your presentation, and the client's perception of it, can affect your work with the client.
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Students will finalize their CV for upcoming practicum applications.
Mock Interview	As part of your professional preparation, you will complete a video-recorded virtual mock interview with your professor. This required assignment is designed to help you develop confidence, clarity, and professionalism in interview settings that are encountered for diagnostic, intervention, and pre-doctoral internship placements. The student will be asked to articulate their clinical understanding discuss relevant experiences, and respond to questions that assess their critical thinking and applied knowledge. The focus will be on effective communication of ideas, demonstration of interview preparedness, and presentation as a professional candidate.

Course Policies

Late Work	Late work is not accepted unless approved by the instructor. Contact your instructor regarding arrangements and the impact on your final grade.
Make-Up Work	There is no make-up work allowed for this course.
Extra Credit	There is no extra credit for this course.
Incomplete Grade	The issuance of an "I" is at the discretion of the instructor. Grade deductions for late work may be imposed. The incomplete grade may be assigned to a student who has successfully completed a majority of the work of the course and who has an unavoidable and compelling reason why the remainder of the work cannot be completed on schedule. A contract with the instructor must be drawn up, with the instructor indicating the due date of the remaining assignments (up to 30 days).
Syllabus Changes	The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus. Changes will be announced in class and posted to Canvas.
Cell phones, tablets, and laptops	Out of consideration for your classmates, please set your cell phone to silent mode during class. Students are required to bring laptops or tablets to class as the instructor will assign online activities and readings that will require the use of a laptop or tablet. Laptops and tablets should not be misused, such as checking

	distracting websites. Use your best judgment and respect your classmates and instructor.
Professionalism with class topics and discussions	It is anticipated that in the course of students' graduate education in clinical psychology, they will have emotional reactions to class topics and discussions. Recognizing, understanding, and managing one's internal states is an integral part of one's professional responsibility. In the event that affective reactions become overwhelming, students are expected to manage their reactivity as they would as a practicing professional, subsequently discussing it with professors/supervisors and seeking informal and/or formal support. Similarly, it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor of potential issues, so they can address them (e.g., using the correct pronouns, pronouncing names/words correctly, awareness of triggering content). Self-disclosure is considered voluntary and at the discretion of the student. Additionally, it is expected that peers be mindful and respectful of disclosures of others, keeping shared information confidential.
Use of course information, content, and materials	Unless expressed in writing via a university accommodation, all course information, content, and materials in any medium (including but not limited to notes, slides, recordings, electronic files, and verbal discussions and presentations) are prohibited from being intentionally or unintentionally shared (or allowed to be accessed), distributed, published, uploaded, or reproduced in any form, as they are reserved for the private use by the student registered for the course. Any audio and/or visual recordings (including pictures) are prohibited unless prior written permission from the instructor is granted, and permission is limited to individual and temporary use (i.e., recordings are not to be shared/reproduced, recordings must be deleted at the end of the term).
APA writing style	Unless otherwise instructed, all course submissions should follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition format. The faculty at the Hawai'i School of Professional Psychology at Chaminade University of Honolulu is dedicated to providing a learning environment that supports scholarly and ethical writing, free from academic dishonesty and plagiarism. This includes the proper and appropriate referencing of all sources. Your course assignments may be submitted to an online authenticity resource (e.g., Turnitin), which helps students and instructors detect potential cases of academic dishonesty.
Use of AI in this course	The program needs to evaluate a student's competency in all academic and practice areas (including writing skills and critical thinking). Therefore, using artificial intelligence (AI) and automated writing tools is not permitted for program submissions and will be considered academic dishonesty.

Final Grades

Final grades for this course are calculated according to the table below.

Final grades are submitted to Self-Service (selfservice.chaminade.edu)

Grading Scale	80% or above = Credit (CR) and Course is Passed
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Project/Assignment	Point Value
Attendance and Participation	20%
APA Publication Modules	20%
Professional Development Plan	20%

Project/Assignment	Point Value
Diversity Reflection Paper & Presentation	15%
Curriculum Vitae	20%
Mock Interview	15%
TOTAL:	100%

Important Information

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an essential aspect of all learning, scholarship, and research. It is one of the values regarded most highly by academic communities throughout the world. Violations of the principle of academic honesty are extremely serious and will not be tolerated.

Students are responsible for promoting academic honesty at Chaminade by not participating in any act of dishonesty and by reporting any incidence of academic dishonesty to an instructor or to a University official. Academic dishonesty may include theft of records or examinations, alteration of grades, plagiarism, **and unauthorized and/or undisclosed AI usage**, in addition to more obvious dishonesty. See catalog section *Student Use of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Work* for further information.

Questions of academic dishonesty in a particular class are first reviewed by the instructor, who must make a report with recommendations to the Director of the Academic College. Punishment for academic dishonesty will be determined by the instructor, Director, and the Dean of Academic College and may include an “F” grade for the work in question, an “F” grade for the course, academic notice, or dismissal from the University.

AI (Artificial Intelligence) Statement

Chaminade University recognizes the increasing role of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in academic and professional environments. AI encompasses, but is not limited to, generative AI platforms, automated writing or content generation software, coding assistants, and similar tools. Students must ensure all submitted work genuinely reflects their knowledge and effort. Using AI to produce or significantly complete graded assignments, exams or other academic tasks – defined as use that substitutes for or substantially replaces a student’s own analysis, reasoning or written expression – without explicit instructor approval is considered academic misconduct and will be dealt with according to the University’s Academic Honesty Policy.

If an instructor has reasonable grounds to question whether submitted work genuinely reflects a student’s own knowledge, authorship, or mastery of course material — or whether it meets the course’s expectations for AI use — the instructor may require the student to provide additional or alternative evidence of authorship and content mastery. Such evidence may include drafts, notes, revision history, source materials, process explanations, oral discussion, in class work, or completion of an alternative assessment. A student’s refusal or inability to provide such evidence may be considered, along with other available information, in evaluating whether the work meets course requirements and stated learning outcomes. Instructors will not rely solely on AI detection software or other automated tools in making grading or academic integrity determinations. Such determinations will be based on the totality of the available information and handled in accordance with applicable University policies and procedures. See the catalog section *Student Use of Artificial*

Intelligence in Academic Work for further information.

Title IX and Nondiscrimination

Chaminade University of Honolulu is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes the dignity of all people, inclusivity and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. As a member of the University faculty, I am required to immediately report any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. For pregnant and parenting students, I am also obligated to provide you with similar resources for support and protections available to you. My goal is to make sure that you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources and support you need. Contact information and reporting options:

chaminade.edu/titleix/nondiscrimination/. File a report via the [Campus Incident Report Form](#).

Nondiscrimination Policy and Notice of Nondiscrimination

The university is committed to comply with all State and Federal statutes, rules, and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The university is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender identity and expression, age, religion, color, national origin (including shared ancestry and ethnic characteristics), ancestry, citizenship, disability, genetic information, marital status, breastfeeding, arrest and court record (except as permissible under State law), sexual orientation, or status as a covered veteran. Inquiries about Title IX or general Civil Rights concerns may be referred to the University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both and contact information may be found [HERE](#). *On-campus Confidential Resources may also be found here at [CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES](#).*

The University's Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures can be located on the University webpage at: <https://chaminade.edu/compliance/title-ix-nondiscrimination-policies-procedures/>.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the [Campus Incident Report form](#). Chaminade University of Honolulu prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates.

The NOTICE of NONDISCRIMINATION can be found here: [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#).

Student with Disabilities Statement- Kōkua 'Ike

Accessibility Services recognizes disability as a valued aspect of diversity and ensures equal access to the educational environment in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended; and the principles and professional standards of the Association on Higher Education and Disability. Access is supported through reasonable accommodations and referrals to campus and community resources. Appointments with the Accessibility Services Coordinator are available through Stellic at <https://chaminade.stellic.com> and may be held virtually or in person. Drop-in appointments are also welcome. Students seeking support must meet with the Accessibility Services Coordinator as early as possible, even if they are unsure whether they have appropriate documentation of their disability or its impacts. The Accessibility Services Coordinator prioritizes listening to student's experiences and will discuss any documentation needs during the initial intake meeting. Students may seek support at any time.

Learn more at <https://chaminade.edu/ada-accommodations>

Assessment of Student Work

Chaminade University may use student work anonymously to assess achievement of course, program, and institutional learning outcomes as part of ongoing quality improvement efforts.

Campus Resources & Support Services

The following resources are available to all Chaminade students. Reach out early — these services exist to support your success.

Resource	Description	Contact / Website
Accessibility Services (Kōkua 'Ike)	Accommodations under Section 504 and ADA. Contact early — appointments via Stellic, virtual or in person.	ada@chaminade.edu chaminade.edu/ada-accommodations
Tutoring & Academic Coaching (Kōkua 'Ike)	Tutoring and Academic Coaching Services support students' progression toward their academic, personal, and professional goals with clarity and intention. Services include individualized support in English, math, nursing, sciences, and social sciences, as well as guidance in developing goals and study strategies.	chaminade.edu/tutoring-academic-coaching-services
Career Services	Career Services supports students throughout their career journeys. Services include individualized job search strategy coaching, resume reviews, job interview coaching, and access to career-related resources and opportunities.	chaminade.edu/career-services
Basic Needs Resources	Support for food insecurity, housing instability, and other basic needs.	chaminade.edu/basic-needs/
Title IX / Nondiscrimination	Reporting and support for sex discrimination and gender-based violence. Campus Incident Report Form available online.	chaminade.edu/titleix/resources-and-support/
Hazing Prevention	Confidential support, crisis intervention, and reporting for any type of abuse including hazing.	hazingpreventionnetwork.org/athlete-helpline/
Campus Safety /SafeSwords	Security escort service for anyone who feels unsafe walking alone on campus at any time of day. Call security and a professional will escort you to your destination.	chaminade.edu/student-life/security/campus-safeswords-program/
CUH Alert Emergency Notification	Emergency text system. Register your cell number via the Chaminade portal and confirm the text to complete enrollment.	chaminade.edu

Weekly Course Schedule

Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify this schedule. Changes will be announced in class and posted to Canvas.

Week #	Date	Topics	Readings Due	Assignments Due
1	8/24	Check in: Practicum & Goals Overview of Practicum III Interview Basics Sign up for Mock Interviews	Syllabus HSPP Clinical Training Manual Sperry et al., Ch. 1	
2	8/31	Introductions & Icebreakers Review of Syllabus & Course Discuss Program History and Review Program Aims & Learning Outcomes (from Catalog)	HSPP Program Catalog	
3	9/7	Roundtable Check-In Review Program Catalog Sections: "Enrollment" through "Student Responsibilities and Advising" Review Academic Requirements How to maximize practicum and internship placement (experience, letters of recommendation, grades, scholarship, HPA membership, CV, interview skills)	Sharma (2020): Chs. 1-7	
4	9/14	Roundtable Check-In Professional Development Plan Discussion Professional Development Plan Useful Template: https://www.apa.org/education-career/grad/self-assessment.pdf Mastering APA Style Workbook: https://apastyle.apa.org/products/mastering-apa-style?tab=3	APA (2011), pp. 4-9 only APA (2022) Hawaii Licensing Law and Licensing Application	
5	9/21	Roundtable Check-In Ethics Code Discussion	APA (2017) https://www.apa.org/ethics/code/ethics-code-2017	Professional Development Plan Due
6	9/28	Roundtable Check-In APA Publication Manual Introduction Research skills: Literature searches, reviews	APA Publication Manual on Writing Style and Grammar	

Week #	Date	Topics	Readings Due	Assignments Due
		Academic skills: Reading, Writing, Test-taking, Note-Taking, Studying		
7	10/5	Roundtable Check-In Discuss APA diverse population guidelines and Patallo article	Patallo (2019) http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/tep0000253 APA (1990) https://www.apa.org/pi/oea/resources/policy/provider-guidelines	
8	10/12	Roundtable Check-In Watch and Discuss Oliver video (2024): Hawaii: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver Retrieved from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8DxdibHibU		
9	10/19	Roundtable Check-In Watch and Discuss Act of War video Retrieved from: https://www.hawaiianvoice.com/products-page/history-and-sovereignty/act-of-war-the-overthrow-of-the-hawaiian-nation-2/		
10	10/26	Diversity Paper Presentations		Diversity Paper Due
11	11/2			Draft CV Due
12	11/9			
13	11/16	Preparation for Mock Interviews	Schedule Mock Interviews with Professor	
14	11/23	Roundtable Mock Interviews with Colleagues		Roundtable Mock Interviews Final CV Due
15	11/30	Mock Interviews		Online Mock Interviews with Professor
16	12/7	Roundtable Check In Semester Review		APA Publication Manual Modules Proof of Completion Due