

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Academic Programs

The Master of Science in Developmental Psychology at Bay Path University is a 36-credit program that provides students with an integrated and comprehensive program of study that will amplify their understanding of developmental psychology and its impact on all phases of life within the context of wellness. Students are challenged to synthesize advanced theories and constructs and apply this information to practical situations whether in academic, professional, or community settings. This program enables students to strive for the highest levels of intellectual achievement as well as to develop a better understanding of health, relationships, curriculum that provides an expansive and broad-based educational experience in Psychology.

Courses successfully completed in the Master of Science in Developmental Psychology, with the exception of PSY 670 Fieldwork, are eligible to be applied to the Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program in the future, and will be considered as having been taken in residency toward any future M.S. CMHC program at Bay Path. Usage of this option will be subject to any licensure eligibility limits set by the Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure in terms of how long ago the M.S. DP courses were taken. As of this writing, there is no such limit posted.

Program Requirements

Students must complete 36 hours of graduate coursework including a total of 160 hours of Community Based Field Work to earn a Master of Science in Development Psychology.

- Developmental Psychology, MS (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/graduate/academic-programs/master-science-development-psychology/developmental-psychology-ms/>)

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the M.S. in Developmental Psychology are expected to demonstrate achievement in all areas of the program. The track for the Master of Science in Developmental Psychology provides students with a solid foundation in developmental psychology as well as extensive research-based skills necessary for their success in applying their advanced knowledge of developmental psychology to careers, academic settings, and professional relationships (please see the student handbook). Graduates of the Master of Science in Developmental Psychology are expected to:

- Appreciate issues related to culture, gender, sexual identity, the environment, and family, as they pertain to physical and psychological development;
- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of ethical and professional behavior within the psychology profession;
- Explain the etiology, diagnostic process, prevalence of mental illness utilizing a medical model, and demonstrate an ability to conduct a differential diagnosis utilizing a multiaxial system of assessment and evaluation;
- Display a mastery of oral and written communication and presentation skills in accordance with established professional guidelines, utilizing APA format; and
- Successfully complete an approved 160 hour fieldwork placement.

- Articulate an understanding of the developmental theorists in psychology and how these theories apply in today's world;
- Demonstrate appropriate critical thinking skills necessary for effectively analyzing personality differences and the reasons for such differences;
- Interpret assessment results for application and intervention purposes;
- Illustrate an understanding of scientific and statistical principles that underlie psychological research, including the ability to gauge the quality of such research;