

## Ph.D. Clinical Psychology Program

### College/University

Carlos Albizu University [San Juan, Puerto Rico] <http://www.sju.albizu.edu/code/homepage.asp>

### Description

The Ph.D. Clinical Psychology Program at the Carlos Albizu University (CAU), San Juan Campus offers doctoral education and training in clinical psychology. The Ph.D. Program was founded in 1992. It was first accredited by the American Psychological Association in 1994. We train around 150 graduate students per year that fluctuates between first and fifth year. We provide mentorship, and academic trainings in Clinical Psychology to mainly Hispanic/Latino students.

### Goals

One of its major goals is to increase the number of Latinos/as students trained in Clinical Psychology who master the required clinical and research skills to investigate mental health issues, particularly those associated with disadvantaged population. Moreover, the Program is unique in its mission of training culturally sensitive psychologists in a Hispanic/Latino cultural context. Our educational philosophy is based on a holistic, dynamic and integrated perspective, which is carried out through a balanced and interconnected sequence of didactic offerings, research opportunities, and experiential training placements. These activities are developed within a context of awareness and sensitivity towards culturally diverse constituencies, with special attention to the Puerto Rican society.

### Outcomes

A total of 147 doctoral students have graduated from 2001 to 2008. Ninety eight percent of our students are Hispanics/Latinos. The retention rate of our Program in the last 10 years (2001-2010) has been 80 percent. Ninety four percent of our graduates from 2000 to 2008 are licensed in clinical psychology. Our Hispanic students have demonstrated leadership and achievements in their engagement in Professional Activities. For example, this past year 58 students were members of a Professional Society, 70 students had presentations or workshops at Professional Meetings, 21 were involved in Books/Articles in Professional or Scientific Journals, 16 were participating in Grant-Supported Research, 33 were involved in teaching, and 94 were involved part-time in Supervised Practicum Training off Campus.

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