

GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT
ROGER WILLIAMS
UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN **FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**



When I started the program, I honestly wasn't sure what I wanted to do in the field. But all the experience I gained, talking with my faculty members and accompanying them for forensic evaluations at hospitals and prisons for their own work, doing my practicum and research assistantship – it was a very dynamic experience that helped me narrow down exactly what I wanted to do.



- **KIM RAKIEC '13**

Clinician at North American Family Institute





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Roger Williams University offers a two-year, full-time Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology program designed to prepare students to provide assessment and treatment services in a forensic setting or for further training at the doctoral level. Students will be trained in psychological assessment and testing, treatment and intervention and research methodology and psychopathology.

Internships and practica are available at a variety of forensic sites. Training experiences include group psychotherapy, sex offender treatment, individual psychotherapy, psychological testing and specialized assessment techniques. Research-based internships are also available.

Why RWU

PERSONAL ATTENTION: With classes averaging just 18 students, you'll form close working relationships with your faculty members and peers.

HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES:

- Clinical practicum placements in adult and juvenile forensic settings
- Research practicum placements at medical school settings conducting grant-funded clinical and forensic mental health research
- Student and faculty collaboration on research leading to national presentations and publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Work with faculty on forensic cases within the juvenile and adult court systems and correctional settings
- Presentation of master's thesis projects at regional and national conferences and conventions including:
 - American Psychological Association Convention
 - Association for Psychological Science Convention
 - American Psychology-Law Conference
 - Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
 - Eastern Psychological Association
 - Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD:

Our graduates are our best success stories:

- Placement in forensically and clinically relevant jobs post-graduation (82% of students)
- Acceptance into doctoral programs in forensic, clinical and legal/applied and experimental psychology (18% of students)
- Exceptionally high job placement rate
- Graduation rate of 92.2%

The Program:

The Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology curriculum is arranged in two tracks:

1. Non-Thesis/Practitioner (for students seeking to enter the workforce as master's level forensic practitioners)
2. Thesis (for students seeking preparation for doctoral study in psychology)

The nine-course core sequence provides students with the breadth and depth needed in both the theoretical foundation as well as the research and clinical skills necessary to become forensically-informed clinicians and researchers. Students then select four electives from various areas within Forensic Psychology. Finally, students take six credits of Thesis or Practicum according to their track, for a minimum of 45 credits.

Course Requirements

(All courses are three credits unless otherwise indicated)

Core Courses: 27 credits

PSYCH 501 Research Design
PSYCH 502 Quantitative Methods I
PSYCH 503 Forensic Psychology
PSYCH 504 Psychology and the Law
PSYCH 505 Introduction to Clinical Assessment: Objective Tests
PSYCH 532 Diversity and Multiculturalism in Psychology
PSYCH 550 Ethics and Professional Issues in Psychology

An additional assessment course (choose from the following)

PSYCH 506 Assessment in Criminal Law
PSYCH 512 Child Assessment

A psychopathology course (choose from the following)

PSYCH 520 Developmental Psychopathology
PSYCH 521 Adult Psychopathology

Advanced Electives: 4 courses selected from the following:

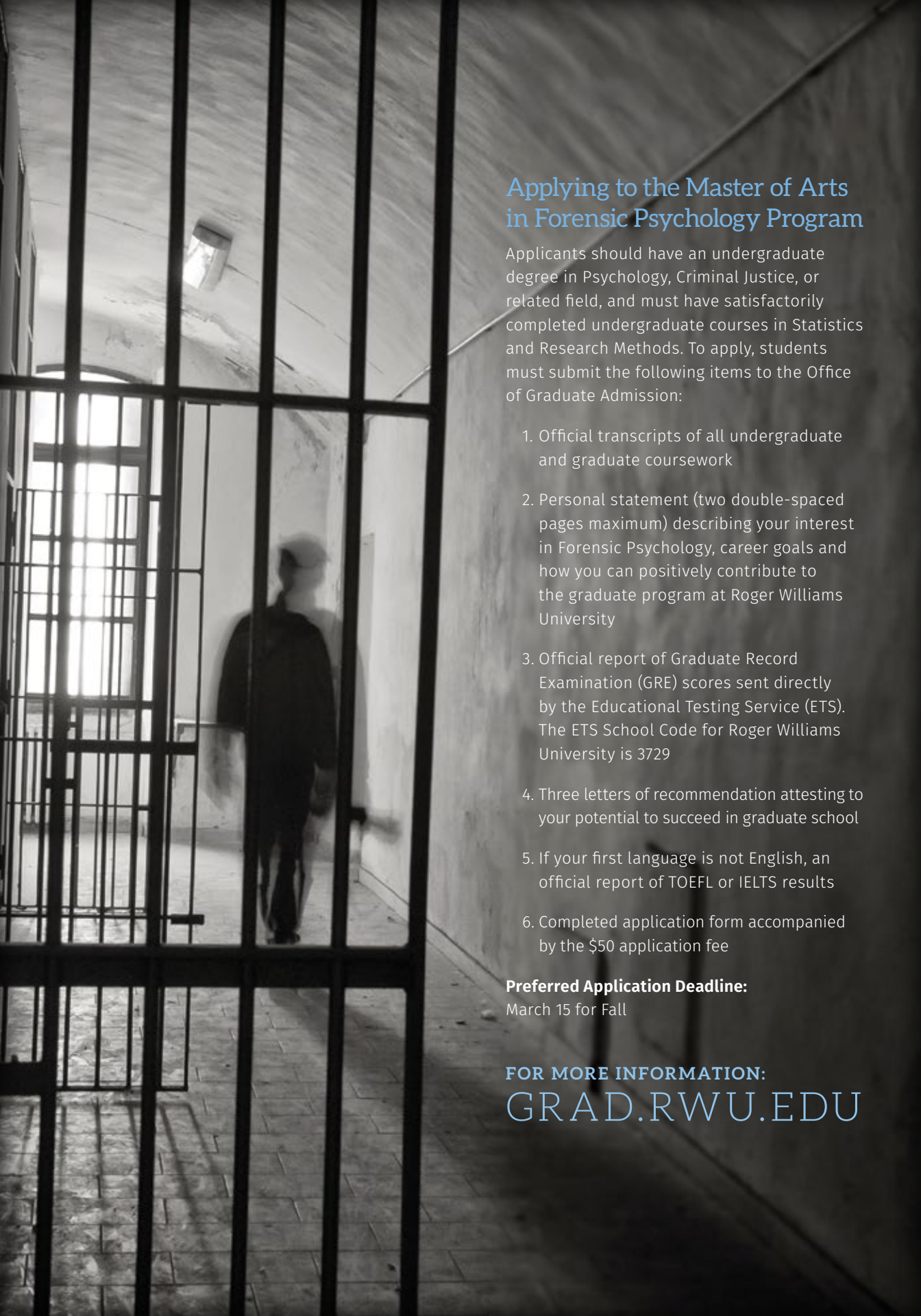
PSYCH 508 Forensic Report Writing
PSYCH 509 Methods of Psychotherapy I
PSYCH 510 Quantitative Methods II
PSYCH 511 Children, Adolescents and the Law
PSYCH 512 Child Assessment
PSYCH 513 Vocational Training
PSYCH 515 Introduction to Group Counseling
PSYCH 519 Methods of Psychotherapy II
PSYCH 530 Special Topics in Psychology
PSYCH 531 Family Violence
PSYCH 533 Law and Mental Health
PSYCH 534 Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 535 Group Dynamics: Methods and Design
PSYCH 540 Advanced Personality Psychology

Practicum students:

PSYCH 598 Practicum
Twice for total of 6 credits

Thesis students take:

PSYCH 597 Thesis
*Twice for a total of 6 credits.
Students pursuing six credits
of thesis can enroll in up to six
credits of practicum for elective
credits (Minimum of 45 credits)*

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Applying to the Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program

Applicants should have an undergraduate degree in Psychology, Criminal Justice, or related field, and must have satisfactorily completed undergraduate courses in Statistics and Research Methods. To apply, students must submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
2. Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Forensic Psychology, career goals and how you can positively contribute to the graduate program at Roger Williams University
3. Official report of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores sent directly by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The ETS School Code for Roger Williams University is 3729
4. Three letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
5. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results
6. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee

Preferred Application Deadline:

March 15 for Fall

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Outcomes:

Our students go on to both job placements and doctoral programs post-graduation.

Recent graduates have gone on to employment at:

- Massachusetts Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous Persons at Bridgewater, Mass.
- Rhode Island Training School for Boys in Cranston, R.I.
- Massachusetts Department of Correction, Prison Mental Health Program
- The Pelletier Center, a Massachusetts Detention Program for Girls in Westborough, Mass.
- Newport Counseling Center, R.I.
- Saint Vincent's Children's Home in New Bedford, Mass.
- South Bay Mental Health, Mass.
- Arbour Mental Health, Mass.
- Northeastern Family Institute

Recent Practicum experiences:

- Rhode Island Training School
- Massachusetts Department of Youth Services
- Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous Persons at Bridgewater
- Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital
- University of Massachusetts Medical School (research)
- Adult Correctional Institute in Cranston, R.I.
- Juvenile Court Clinics in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island
- Federal Correctional Institution at Devens, Mass.
- Alpert Medical School at Brown University (research)
- Newport Mental Health
- South Bay Mental Health
- Arbour Counseling
- Arbour-Pembroke Hospital
- Victim-Witness Services with Rhode Island Attorney General
- Day One, Sexual Assault and Trauma Recovery Center

Recent placement in doctoral programs include:

- Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology
- University of Rhode Island
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- University of Vermont
- Florida International University
- Pacific University
- Palo Alto University
- Fordham University
- Wright State University
- University of Texas-El Paso
- Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada
- Manchester University, London, UK
- Widener University
- Northeastern University

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Financial Aid is available for eligible students. Contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 401.254.4510 or visit StudentAid.gov/eligibility for more information. Learn more about our student consumer information: <http://rwu.edu/go/student-consumer-info>

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