About Us

Founded in 1980 as the Center for Humanistic Studies, the school grew out of the humanistic psychology movement under the leadership of its founders. As the school expanded, the program offerings of the Master of Arts (MA) and Specialist in Psychology (PsyS) degrees in Humanistic and Clinical Psychology were enhanced by the addition of the Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD) degree, approved by the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission in 2000. Originally located in downtown Detroit, the school moved to its present location and new facility in 2003, with a name change in 2006 to the Michigan School of Professional Psychology. As a professional school, education is focused solely in the area of psychology, with cohort-based part-time and full-time programs. Retention and graduation rates are high, as students are supported and encouraged along their path to success.

Students

MA students enter the program with academic preparation in psychology - many also have related work experience. PsyD students enter the program with a graduate degree and have a background of study in psychology or related field. MiSPP graduate students seek to become practicing clinicians committed to the humanistic principles and values of psychology.

2013-2014 Student Count: 161 total students

Current Enrollment
52% Enrolled Full Time
48% Enrolled Part Time

Students in Current Practicum or Internship Placements
92

Gender
76% Women
24% Men

Race/Ethnicity
79% White
14% Black or African American
3% Asian
2% Hispanic or Latino
<1% Non -Resident Alien
0% American Indian/Alaskan Native
2% 2 or More Races

Graduate Totals
MA: 872 PsyS: 293 PsyD: 135

Michigan School of Professional Psychology

American Psychological Association Accreditation Application Timeline

September 2009-January 2011	APA self-study and application development	
February 2011	Application submitted for initial APA accreditation	
April 3, 2011	Application on agenda for CoA* meeting	
April 21, 2011	MiSPP placed "under review" and notified to submit a revised self-study May, 2012	
April 2011 – May 2012	MiSPP addresses concerns	
May 2012	Revised Self-study submitted	
July 2012	Application on agenda for CoA meeting	
August 21, 2012	CoA approved site visit with request for additional report to be sent to CoA 6 weeks prior to visit	
December 2012	Additional information sent to CoA and Site Visitors	
February 2013	Site Visit	
March 2013	MiSPP receives Site Visitors' report. MiSPP response to report due to CoA May 1, 2013	
April 25, 2013	Response to the Site Visitors' report by MiSPP submitted to CoA	
July 17-21, 2013	CoA meeting-reviewed MiSPP's application and all materials/reports	
August 16, 2013	CoA places program on "deferral for cause" status. • Concerns: attrition, licensing, focus on dissertation, clinical training requirements • Address concerns and respond by February 2014.	
September 2013	MiSPP had two options:	
	a) Respond to concerns and review will be placed on CoA's April 2014 agenda, resulting in: • Approval or • Denial If denied, 6-9 months for appeal and then returns to the CoA for review again. Review would encompass applications from 2011 and 2012 and all documents generated between reviews and site visit.	b) Withdraw current application and reapply. • Earliest to reapply September 2015 and move through the process again.