



PENN STATE HARRISBURG

# APPLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH

## The Program

The Master of Arts in Applied Psychological Research program focuses on the development of research skills within the context of scientific training in psychology. The program requires 35 credits of course work (29 credits of core courses and 6 credits of electives).

The program is designed to meet the needs of students who plan careers in research or administration within human service or similar organizations, who plan to conduct research in other settings, or who plan to pursue doctoral study. Students can select electives and research experiences, in consultation with their adviser, to reflect their individual interests.

The program is intended for both part-time and full-time students. Admission is for the fall semester only. The deadline for fall admission is April 30. Early application is encouraged, especially for anyone who is hoping to be considered for merit-based awards. Decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in January.

### Admission Requirements

Students will be admitted on a competitive basis and must submit the following:

- completed online application form with the application fee;
- two official transcripts of all colleges and universities attended;
- three professional letters of recommendation, at least two of which should be academic;
- a brief (two-page) interest statement;
- verbal, quantitative, and analytical scores on the Graduate Record Examinations.

The applicant must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited academic institution, must have completed at least 18 credits in psychology, and must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or above in the last 60 credits of coursework. The undergraduate work must include a statistics course and a psychology research methods course with grades of B or higher. A personal interview is required.

### The Graduate Faculty

**John Steven Backels, Ph.D.**

*Affiliate Assistant Professor of Psychology,  
Director of Personal Counseling*

**Michael A. Becker, Ph.D.**

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**Thomas G. Bowers, Ph.D.**

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**Richard Fiene, Ph.D.**

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**Marissa Harrison, Ph.D.**

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## For more information

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