

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

1. **ADMISSION APPLICATION** – Applicants must submit to the Office of Admissions a completed application form, prior to deadline dates, accompanied by the appropriate fee. Payment of a non refundable application fee of \$75.00 is required.
2. **GRADE POINT AVERAGE** – It is required a grade–point average (GPA) of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher. For the Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, the minimum GPA required is 3.00. This is the general cumulative GPA, not the concentration or graduation GPA. This is the minimum GPA required to apply. Only the GPA of conferred degrees will be taken into consideration. In those cases when the candidate is evaluated with a master degree, the minimum GPA required is 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). The GPA of a masters degree in progress will not be used to qualify for admission.
3. **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** – Request that official transcripts from ALL previous institutions attended be sent directly to the Admissions Office. In those cases where the applicant will receive the degree indicated in the Admission Application more than thirty calendar days after beginning the academic session at UCA, an official DEGREE CERTIFICATION will be accepted as evidence that the degree will be conferred in a future date. Upon degree conferment, the student will have up to thirty (30) working days to comply with this requirement. Failure to comply will result in a hold that prevent any administrative transaction between the student and the Institution. **Failure to report previous college and/or graduate work attended constitutes a falsification of application which will result in the loss of all credits earned and may result in dismissal.**

Applicants to any of the Doctoral Programs in Clinical Psychology (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) must have obtained a BA, BS, MA or MS in psychology, or a related field of study, from an institution accredited by the Puerto Rico Council of Education. Degrees or credits taken outside of Puerto Rico must have been taken at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the CHEA; or an institution of higher education located outside the United States, which, at the time the applicant was enrolled, maintained a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards of training of those institutions in the United States which are accredited by a body recognized by the CHEA. Please take note that six weeks typically elapse between the filing of an application and receipt of all supporting documents.

In the case of the Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, only applicants with an MS or MA in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from an accredited institution will be considered for admission. From said master's degree, CAU can accept for transfer up to 42 credits. The total number of credits accepted for transfer will be certified by the Program Director once the student is enrolled in the Program and have submitted a completed Credit Transfer Application to the Office of the Registrar. Once the credit transfer application has been approved by the Program Director, if the student decides to accept it, in order to make it official he/she will have to satisfy the applicable credit transfer fee at the Finance Office (Please verify credit transfer fee in effect at the moment of satisfying the payment.). This same rule applies when applying for transfer of practice modules.

4. **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS** – Two (2) recommendation letters from a professor, employer or community leader are required. ***It is required to use UCA's official Recommendation Letter form.***

5. **RESULTS OF EXADEP OR G.R.E.** – Every applicant must submit evidence of the score obtained in the EXADEP (Examen de Admisión a Estudios de Posgrado) or G.R.E. (Graduate Record Examinations). Only scores five years old or less will be accepted.
6. **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT** – An updated Certificate of Good Conduct from the jurisdiction(s) where the applicant was a resident during the past five (5) years.
7. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** – Submit an original Health Certificate (No more than one year old)
8. **HEPATITIS -B VACCINE** – Submit evidence of vaccination for hepatitis-B.
9. **COPY OF THE PVAC-3** – Copy of the PVAC-3 (Vaccination Certificate of the Department of Health) – Only for applicants 21 years old or less at the moment of admission.
10. **INTERVIEW WITH THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE** – Those candidates recommended by the **Evaluation Committee** will receive an appointment for an interview with one or more members of the Faculty of the program of interest.
11. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** – Every candidate with an appointment for an admission interview, will be required to write, the day of the interview, a statement of purpose. The statement of purpose serves to determine the candidate's interest in the academic program, in the Institution, short, medium and long term goals, written communication skills and general writing skills.
12. **INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS** – International applicants must submit an official evaluation of their academic credentials by an authorized agency. Please contact the Admissions Office for a list of authorized agencies that evaluate and interpret the U.S. equivalency of international student transcripts. All documents must be submitted in English.
13. **ADDITIONAL REQUISITES SPECIFIC OF EACH ACADEMIC PROGRAM** – Every applicant must comply with the admission requisites that are specific of the program of interest.

The Institution reserves the right to admit students who do not comply with the minimum admission requisites. In this regard, every person interested in any of UCA's academic offerings is encouraged to apply for admission, and submit all the required documentation, even though he/she thinks that does not comply with the minimum admission requirements. **The Institution may consider candidates who do not comply with the minimum requisites every time the list of candidates who comply with all the requisites is exhausted and there are still positions available in the program of interest.** Every application completed will be included in a waiting list and will be evaluated in order (major to minor) according to the Institutional Admission Score obtained during the evaluation process.

CANDIDATES' EVALUATION PROCEDURES

1. Candidates will submit all the required documentation according to the level and program of interest and any other additional document requested by the program.
2. The **Evaluation Committee** will evaluate all applications and assign a preliminary score based on all the criteria and weights established for the level and program (**Institutional Admission Index**). Due to restrictions in terms of the number of positions opened each

year, only those candidates with the best scores (highest Institutional Admission Indexes) will receive an appointment for an admission interview.

3. The candidates selected by the **Evaluation Committee** will receive an appointment specifying date, hour and place for the admission interview
4. The **Evaluation Committee** will then complete the evaluation process and assign a final score according to the criteria and weights established for each level and program. The evaluation will be realized according to the following weights assigned to each criterion:
 - a. Grade Point Average..... 45%
 - b. EXADEP or GRE score..... 10%
 - c. Statement of Purpose..... 10%
 - d. Recommendation Letters..... 10%
 - e. Interview 15%
 - f. Additional requisites 10%
5. Due to restrictions in terms of the number of positions opened each year, only those candidates with the best scores (highest Institutional Admission Indexes) will be accepted.
6. Every candidate will receive a notification letter with the decision of the Evaluation Committee.
7. Those candidates who disagree with the decision of the Evaluation Committee may submit an appeal in writing.