

Scoring:

Below you will find a highlighted answer to each of the 30 questions on the Graduate School Application Quiz. Give yourself one (1) point for each of the highlighted answers that you chose. Interpretation is as follows:

15 or Lower. Like most talented undergraduates, you could clearly benefit from clear, straightforward information and guidance regarding graduation applications. Nearly 75% of prospective graduate applicants fall into this range of scores.

16-20. You have probably already begun to work towards understanding the graduate application process and have clear advantages over the majority of graduate applicants. Your knowledge situates you in the top 25% of graduate applicants, but only the top 10% of applicants ordinarily gain admission.

21-25. You are clearly on the road to adequate preparation and, given time and continued work, are likely to distinguish your application by thoroughly understanding the "ins" and "outs" of the admission's process. You are among the top 10% of graduate applicants.

26-30. Congratulations, you are well informed about the graduate application and admission's process. You are among the top 3 or 4% of graduate applicants, and your knowledge will clearly increase your likelihood of gaining admission to the programs of your choice.

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Graduate Study in Psychology Survey

Age _____ Sex: M F

Major _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Other _____

Overall GPA _____

Are you planning on going to graduate school in psychology?: Yes No Undecided

If yes, are you considering pursuing a

Masters degree (M.S. or M.A.) _____

Doctoral degree (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) _____

If yes, what area of study are you planning to do graduate work in? _____

If no, what do you plan to do after graduating with your B.S. degree? _____

Please answer the following questions **only** if you are considering going to **graduate school in psychology**, but turn in your survey regardless. And thank you for taking part in this survey.

1. Are you confident that you can write an effective personal statement for your application to graduate school?

a. **Yes** b. No

2. Do you know what information your resume' should contain?

a. **Yes** b. No

3. Do you know who to ask for letters of recommendation, and the kind of information those letters should contain?

a. **Yes** b. No

4. Do you know how to get to the "interview" stage in the graduate admission's process?

a. **Yes** b. No

5. Have you ever been interviewed over the telephone?

a. **Yes** b. No

6. Can you identify at least five questions you will likely be asked during interviews?

a. **Yes** b. No

7. Do you know how to assess your strengths and to find the best graduate program for your interests?

a. **Yes** b. No

8. Do you know how to find out about various funding options, like graduate assistantships, fellowships or scholarships?

- a. **Yes** b. No

9. Can you identify three or more things you can do **after** you submit your applications that can substantially improve your chances of getting admitted?

- a. **Yes** b. No

10. Can you identify three or more differences between clinical and counseling psychology?

- a. **Yes** b. No

11. Which of the following best describes the difference(s) between a Ph.D., and a Psy.D.?

- a. **a Ph.D. is a research degree and a Psy.D. is a practice degree**
b. a Ph.D. program can be APA-approved whereas a Psy.D. cannot
c. a Ph.D. can be licensed to practice psychology but a Psy.D. cannot
d. all of the above

12. Which of the following is the most likely starting salary for a beginning professor in psychology?

- a. **\$45,000** b. \$55,000
c. \$65,000 d. \$75,000

13. How informed do you feel about your knowledge regarding the graduate school application process?

- a. very uninformed b. somewhat uninformed
c. somewhat informed d. very well informed

note: Both answers **c** and **d** are independently correct.

14. On average, doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology accept what percentage of their overall applicant pool in any given year?

- a. roughly 3% **b. roughly 10%**
c. roughly 30% d. roughly 60%

15. The average GPA of all incoming doctoral students in all areas of psychology is _____

- a. 3.3 **b. 3.5**
c. 3.7 d. 3.9

16. What percentage of clinical and counseling psychologists go into private practice?

- a. 25% **b. 40%**
c. 65% d. 80%

18. Which of the following courses is required by the greatest number of doctoral programs in clinical psychology prior to applying for graduate study?

- a. **statistics** b. experimental methods/research design
c. abnormal psychology/psychopathology d. history and systems in psychology

19. For doctoral programs in clinical psychology, which of the following factors is viewed as the most important type of undergraduate preparation

- a. computer knowledge and skills
- b. human service experience
- c. research experience**
- d. Psi Chi membership

20. Out of all the doctoral degrees in psychology awarded each year, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and Experimental Psychology each generate about the same percentage; what percentage is that?

- a. 3%**
- b. 7%
- c. 15%
- d. 20%

21. The average GRE scores of first-year graduate students in psychology in master's program are _____, whereas the average scores for doctoral programs are _____.

- a. 880; 1290
- b. 1010; 1340
- c. 1196; 1278
- d. 1033; 1206**

22. On average, APA-approved doctoral programs in *clinical* psychology receive about _____ applications per year

- a. 85
- b. 135
- c. 230**
- c. 360

23. Which of the following types of programs has the strongest demonstrated commitment to multicultural issues?

- a. clinical psychology
- b. counseling psychology**
- c. school psychology
- d. cognitive psychology

24. Regarding financial aid, approximately _____ percent of Psy.D. students receive assistantship or fellowship support, compared to roughly _____ percent of Ph.D. students

- a. 35%; 90%**
- b. 50%; 50%
- c. 50%; 70%
- d. 60%; 40%

25. If you wanted to become licensed to practice psychology you could you complete your degree in all of the following areas **except**

- a. Psy.D. in clinical psychology
- b. Ph.D. in school psychology
- c. Ph.D. in industrial/organizational**
- d. you could take it in any of these areas

The following areas of psychology represent research fields. Can you identify different research settings in which each of the following might work (please circle Yes or No):

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| 26. Social Psychologists | Yes | No |
| 27. Developmental Psychologists | Yes | No |
| 28. Psychobiologists | Yes | No |
| 29. Cognitive Psychologists | Yes | No |
| 30. Experimental Psychologists | Yes | No |

