

Akamai University

Energy Psychology Doctor of Philosophy

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Students in the Doctor of Philosophy in Energy Psychology Program will complete a minimum of 48 credits above the Master's level including a dissertation. The coursework requirements include the academic major, the academic minor, research preparation, the dissertation project, and additional electives, as needed, to satisfy the minimum credit requirements. The requirements for the academic major, minor and research preparation coursework are defined by the primary mentor assigned to oversee the student's program.

Doctoral students complete a comprehensive examination at the conclusion of the academic coursework; they prepare a formal dissertation proposal, complete the dissertation project, and prepare the manuscript for faculty review. Doctoral students also complete an oral review of dissertation at the conclusion of the physical manuscript review.

Summary of Degree Requirements

- Academic Major (Required: 18 credits minimum)
- Academic Minor (Required: 12 credits minimum)
- Research Preparation (Required: 6 credits minimum)
- EXM 980: Comprehensive Examination (Required: noncredit)
- RES 985: Dissertation Proposal (Required: 4 credits)
- RES 990: Dissertation Project (Required: 8 credits)
- EXM 995: Oral Review of Dissertation (Required: noncredit)

The Academic Major

Doctoral students in Energy Psychology must complete 18 graduate credits in core coursework comprising an academic major. These are the foundational competencies in theories, principles, and practices, and the historical, philosophical, and social-cultural implications of the discipline. These courses represent the core competencies and essential elements, which define your field of study and establish the underlying foundations upon which you may base your advanced professional development.

Required (12 credits):

CAM 509: Consciousness, Energy, and Indigenous Traditions in Psychotherapy (3 credits)

CAM 561: Mind Resonance Process (3 credits)

CAM 577: Essentials of Energy Psychology (3 credits)

CAM 699: Research in Complementary Medicine (3 credits)

PLUS 6 credits selected from the following courses:

NOTE: CAM 505: Medical Terminology is required of all students lacking a background in health and medical sciences, experience with medical terminology or coursework in anatomy and physiology, pathology, and pharmacology.

CAM 502: Optimal Health (3 credits)

CAM 504: Complementary and Alternative Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 505: Medical Terminology (2 credits)

CAM 506: Theories, Principles, and Practices of Holistic Health (3 credits)

CAM 508: Integral Healthcare (3 credits)

CAM 510: The Embodied Mind (3 credits)

CAM 512: Historical Perspectives on the Body (3 credits)

CAM 513: Somatics in Multicultural Perspective (3 credits)

CAM 522: Traditional Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 523: Herbal Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 524: Natural Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 525: Touch Healing (3 credits)

CAM 526: Directed Intentionality, Prayer and Distance Healing (3 credits)

CAM 528: Nutritional and Dietary Healing (3 credits)

CAM 529: Preventative Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 530: Anatomy of Human Energy Systems (3 credits)

CAM 533: Essentials of Qi Gong (3 credits)

CAM 534: The Root of Chinese Qi Gong (3 credits)

CAM 536: Healing Practices of China and the East (3 credits)

CAM 540: Program Planning for Complementary and Alternative Healthcare (3 credits)

CAM 541: Major Domains of Complementary and Alternative Healthcare & Research (3 credits)

CAM 542: Ayurveda I (3 credits)

CAM 543: Ayurveda II (3 credits)

CAM 544: Ayurveda III (3 credits)

CAM 546: Herbal Immune System Enhancement (3 credits)

CAM 547: Herbal Internal Cleansing (3 credit)

CAM 548 Homeopathic Medicine I: Materia Medica, Laws and Principles (3 credits)

CAM 549 Homeopathic Medicine II: Repertory, Case Taking and Applied Practice (3 credits)

CAM 551: Spiritual Health and Healing (3 credits)

CAM 555: Shamanism (3 credits)

CAM 559: Innovative and Unconventional Approaches to Psychotherapy (3 credits)

CAM 560: Advances in Energy Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 561: Mind Resonance Process (3 credits)

CAM 578: Mind-Body Medicine I: Clinical Health Psychology (3 credits)

CAM 579: Mind-Body Medicine II: Behavioral Medicine and Psychoneuroimmunology (3 credits)

CAM 580: Mind-Body Medicine III: Integral Healthcare (3 credits)

CAM 588: Global Citizenship Orientation, Psychological Elements of the Art and Science of Thinking with Nature (2 credits)

CAM 751-759: Field Study in Complementary Medicine (3 credits)

CAM 771-779: Directed Professional Studies in Complementary Medicine (3 credits)
CAM 781-789: External Specialty Training in Complementary Medicine (3 credits)

The Academic Minor

Doctoral students completing the degree by coursework, also complete coursework comprising a 12 credit academic minor. The minor must include at least one of the following courses: CAM 536, 548, 533, or 551. The primary mentor guides the student in the selection of the remaining coursework. The academic minor may include additional studies in the major field or another appropriate field of study. The minor may also be interdisciplinary in nature.

Research Preparation

Doctoral students must pursue studies providing advanced research knowledge necessary for success in their final projects (dissertation). At least six semester credits of research preparation coursework are required. This coursework might focus upon quantitative and qualitative methods or participatory action research techniques including subject selection, research design, and statistical analysis, as appropriate to each student's proposed project. Through this requirement, students learn to effectively define applied problems or theoretical issues and articulate the rationale for the study. They should learn to present an effective scholarly review of the academic literature and implement quantitative, qualitative or participatory action methods for evaluating academic issues.

Students must complete a minimum of 6 semester credits in research preparation coursework, as follows:

CAM 590 Qualitative Research for Complementary Medicine (3 credits)

OR

CAM 591: Research Basics for Evaluating CAM Therapies (3 credits)

AND/OR

Other research preparation courses, as directed by the senior faculty, to bring the total of research coursework to a minimum of 6 credits. Courses may be selected from the fields of health, education and psychology.

Comprehensive Examination

Once the student has completed the coursework elements of the degree, they will schedule the Comprehensive Examination. The primary mentor and a faculty member representing the secondary academic area conduct the written and oral components of the examination. The written portion is open book style with selected essay questions requiring creative responses that reach for the higher levels of cognition. Student responses are expected to draw from the academic competencies of the program with proper referencing of the scholarly literature. The oral component of the examination is normally completed by telephone conference and is intended to allow detailed investigation of your written responses.

Dissertation Proposal

Doctoral students are expected to prepare a formal proposal related to your concept for

research under the direction of your primary mentor and following the guidelines provided by the University.

Dissertation Project

Following approval of the dissertation proposal, the student will begin the research project. The dissertation may take the form of a traditional research project or it may be a major scholarly project of the type appropriate to the discipline. Whichever approach to the dissertation is approved, the resulting project must demonstrate mastery of a body of knowledge in the major field of study, be the original work of the student and represent a meaningful contribution to the betterment of the human condition or an improvement to the professional field.

The dissertation research may be conducted via quantitative, qualitative, or participatory action research. The body of the dissertation manuscript, structured according to a set of approved manuscript guidelines, should exceed 125 double spaced, typewritten pages. If the dissertation takes the form of a scholarly project, it must follow the guidelines provided by the University for such projects.

Review of Dissertation

Once the students have prepared the dissertation manuscript, they will be asked to schedule the formal review process. The primary mentor and two faculty members representing the secondary academic area and the field of research will conduct the formal physical review of the dissertation manuscript and the oral review of dissertation.

The physical review of the manuscript usually takes the review committee four to six weeks. Each reviewer will prepare questions and commentary relative to your underlying review of the literature, the dissertation methodology, the mechanics of your project, and your presentation of the findings, conclusions and recommendations.

The oral examination is carried out by telephone conference call and is designed to allow detailed investigation of the dissertation. The faculty reviewers explore the issues related to the dissertation including methodology, review of literature and interpretation of the findings.

One outcome of the dissertation review process is a set of final expectations directing the student through the remaining tasks for completing the dissertation manuscript. Once the final manuscript is approved, the student will submit the formal document to an approved bindery and later arrange for the bound dissertation to be shipped to the University for permanent archival storage.