

Admission Information

B.S. in Clinical Research

Approximately 50 students are admitted to the B.S. in Clinical Research degree program each year. Admission to the Clinical Research Program is competitive and fulfilling all of the admission requirements listed below does not guarantee admission to the Program. Eligible students may submit an application to the program once they have earned at least 45 credits and have the minimum requirements described below.

MINIMUM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH ADMISSIONS REVIEW

1) Admission to UNCW

Students must be admitted to UNCW and pay the enrollment deposit through the [Office of Admissions](#) prior to applying to the Clinical Research Program.

2) Cumulative Overall GPA

A 2.5 GPA is required for all college level work regardless of location.

3) Prerequisite Courses

All but one course listed in Table 2 must be successfully completed prior to the start of the first semester of Clinical Research courses. Successful course completion is defined as a grade of “C” or better. Preference may be given to students who have completed a greater number of prerequisite courses. **We recommend that at least 4 prerequisite courses, including Chemistry and a Biology** be completed or in progress at the time of application.

Table 2. Prerequisites for the Clinical Research Program

Courses
PSY 105 General Psychology
BIO 201 General Biology
BIO/L 240 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab
BIO/L 241 Anatomy and Physiology II with lab
BIO 246 Microbiology
CHM 101 General Chemistry
MAT 111, 112, 115, 151, 152, 161, or 162 College Algebra or higher
STT 210, STT 215, BAN 280, or PSY 225 Statistics

Please keep in mind the following information regarding these prerequisite courses:

- Students taking outstanding prerequisites over the summer prior to admission into the Clinical Research Program must provide copies of transcripts prior to the start of their courses in the Clinical Research Program.
- The ONE outstanding prerequisite course must be completed by the end of the second semester of the program. Failure to complete all outstanding prerequisites by this deadline will prevent students from progressing in the program and most likely result in a one-year delay in graduation.
- Prerequisite courses must be completed within 10 years prior to application. Some exceptions may be granted based on educational or work history. The Clinical Research Program Coordinator will make the final decision regarding prerequisite courses that are over 10 years old. Please contact chhs@uncw.edu if you believe you qualify for an exception.
- UNCW students taking courses elsewhere to meet prerequisite requirements are required to complete the UNCW [Transient Study request](#) pre-approval process to ensure that courses will transfer to UNCW appropriately.

4) Prerequisite GPA

- a) Minimum of a 2.5 GPA for courses listed in Table 2.
- b) The highest grade for each course will be calculated.
- c) Courses that are transferred but not accepted as prerequisites by UNCW may be evaluated by the CLR Program Coordinator and potentially accepted as meeting the prerequisite requirement. Please contact chhs@uncw.edu or your Student Success Center advisor to discuss.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students interested in applying for the UNCW Clinical Research Program must meet the *minimum application requirements for clinical research admissions review* and complete the online application **by the submission deadline listed on the [Clinical Research Program's website](#).**

The application is available on the Student Success Center [Clinical Research](#) website (<https://uncw.edu/chhs/son/academic/clinical-research-bs.html>) until the application deadline.

Online Application

Completing the online application requires the following additional components. We recommend you complete these prior to starting the application.

1. Essay

The essay requirements are as follows:

- a) Respond to the prompt: *Please describe your professional goals. What makes you a good candidate for the UNCW Clinical Research Program?*
- b) Save as a Word or PDF file format
- c) Be double spaced and no longer than one page; use Times New Roman 12-point font; and, have 1-inch margins

2. Resume

The resume requirements are as follows:

- a) Save as a Word or PDF file format;
- b) Well-organized and professional;
- c) Detail research or clinical research experience; and
- d) List transferrable skills

3. Videotaped Interview

The video tape requirements are as follows:

- a) Respond to the prompt: *Describe your interest in clinical research. How will the UNCW Clinical Research Program help you achieve your goals in becoming a clinical research professional?*
- b) The duration should be at least 1 minute, but no longer than 2 minutes.
- c) Upload your video to YouTube using these instructions: <https://uncw.edu/chhs/son/academic/Clinterviewinstructions.html>
- d) If you do not have access to a functioning camera and microphone, please contact chhs@uncw.edu.

Here are several things you should keep in mind when filming your video:

- Present yourself as if you were attending an interview for a full time professional position.
- Check your background for distractions that will take attention away from you.
- Check the audio to ensure you are easily heard and that there are no distracting background noises (i.e. traffic, wind, music, etc.).
- Ensure that you have good lighting (i.e., avoid backlighting as this will make it difficult for you to be seen).

After submitting the online application, you will receive a confirmation email if you submit your email at the end of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact chhs@uncw.edu to confirm

that your application was submitted.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each applicant is evaluated based on criteria and weights found in Table 1.

Table 1. Evaluation of Applications

Admission Application Component	Maximum Weight Assigned
Prerequisites courses grades and cumulative GPA	50%
Videotaped interview	20%
Essay	20%
Resume	10%

Applications for all students meeting the above minimum requirements will be reviewed after the application deadline. Admission decisions will be communicated through your UNCW email address. Application and acceptance into the Clinical Research Program is valid only for the fall semester immediately following the application period.

Contact Information:

For questions about the Clinical Research Program or the application process, please contact the CHHS Student Success Center at chhs@uncw.edu or 910-962-3208.