Holistic Counseling Psychology — Master of Arts (MA)

Application Requirements

These requirements apply to applications to all the specializations for the MA Counseling Psychology program — Expressive Arts, Holistic Studies, Depth Psychotherapy, Somatic Psychology, and Transpersonal Psychology.

- **Application.** Applicants are encouraged to apply online at [https://secure.jfku.edu/application/](https://secure.jfku.edu/application/). An application can also be downloaded at [http://www.jfku.edu/Admissions/Apply-to-JFK-University.html](http://www.jfku.edu/Admissions/Apply-to-JFK-University.html). Be sure to provide all requested information on the application.

  **Statistical Information Section:** The information requested provides the University with a profile of its students and statistical data required for funding from the federal government and foundations. An applicant’s admission to the University will not be affected if all questions are not answered.

- **Nonrefundable application fee.** This fee must accompany the Application Form. Please make checks payable to John F. Kennedy University:
  - MA Degree: $65
  - Nondegree: $40

- **One set of official transcripts** of the conferred BA degree and any post Bachelor credits or degrees. Transcripts not sent directly to the Admissions Office from the issuing institution must remain sealed to be considered official. Transcripts become the property of the University and will not be returned or released to another party.

- **Personal statement** of 5-10 double-spaced, typewritten pages describing any personal or professional growth or events that have shaped the applicant’s life, reasons for applying to the area of specialization, any study (academic or otherwise) pursued in this area of interest and future professional and personal goals.

- **For the Expressive Arts Specialization ONLY:** A portfolio of an arts-based practice that shows expertise in visual arts, music, dance, drama or creative writing.

- **Letters of recommendation** are strongly recommended, but not required. Letters should be from friends, professional associates, teachers, supervisors or others who can comment on emotional, spiritual, intellectual and practical development, as well as assess capacity for graduate study in the degree area.

Upon receipt of a completed application, the program will contact the applicant to schedule an admissions interview.

*Please see the next page for additional information.*

All application documentation must be submitted directly to: John F. Kennedy University
Admissions Office
100 Ellinwood Way
Pleasant Hill CA 94523-4817

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Additional Requirements for International Applicants

- Certification of Finances.
- Certified translations of all transcripts, if not in English.
- Proof of English proficiency, if native language is not English. English proficiency may be met by achieving the following:
  - on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 79-80 on the Internet-based version,
  - with the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), a score of 6 with no band lower than 5.5, or
  - successful completion of JFK University’s English Language program, or
  - by other measures which may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants who wish to transfer from other approved US educational institutions must fulfill all application and admission requirements and be in good standing as full-time students in their present institution.

Note: 1. The deadline for submission of application and required documentation is three months prior to the quarter of anticipated enrollment.
2. Applicants must have the equivalent of a US Bachelor’s degree.
3. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires that the name on the application match exactly with the name on the passport.

Contact the International Student Advisor at 925.969.4570 or isa@jfku.edu with any questions regarding international student application or admissions.

Nondegree Applicants
Individuals interested in taking courses for credit but not interested in pursuing a degree should apply for admission as nondegree students by submitting applications for admission with the appropriate nonrefundable application fee. Nondegree applicants are not required to submit transcripts or personal statements.

John F. Kennedy University reserves the right to verify the authenticity of a given document through contact with the issuing source. Documentation submitted in support of an application becomes the property of the University and will not be returned. Photocopies of documents submitted to support an application will not be given to applicants, students or outside parties.

John F. Kennedy University does not discriminate, in admissions or in access to programs, against qualified individuals on the basis of race, color, height, weight, national origin, religion, age, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability. Admissions decisions are made independent of need for financial aid.