The Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program only admits students for the fall quarter. For Fall 2014, the priority application deadline is **Friday, December 13, 2013**; the final application deadline is **Friday, January 17, 2014**.

**NOTE:** The PsyD program has specific course prerequisites. Please see “PsyD Program Prerequisites” page for details.

- **Application/Statistical Form.** Please type or print legibly on both pages of the Application Form. Provide all requested information, sign and date the application. The information requested in the Statistical Information section 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 in the Statistical Information section are not answered.

- **Nonrefundable application fee:** $90. Please make checks payable to John F. Kennedy University.

- **Official transcripts** from all colleges and universities attended (this includes schools attended that did not result in a degree, such as a community college). Transcripts must be sent directly to the Admissions Office from the issuing institution to be considered official. Transcripts then become the property of the University and will not be returned or released to another party.

- **Bachelor’s degree** Bachelor’s degree from an institution with regional accreditation, or other recognized accreditation, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or with greater or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in a graduate level degree program with regional accreditation, or other recognized accreditation.

  For those who do not have or are not currently pursuing a degree in psychology or a related field, transcripts must include a minimum of four completed undergraduate or graduate courses in psychology or a closely related field (e.g., Human Development) at the time of application.

- **Personal statement.** Please see the next page for guidelines.

- **Resume/Vitae.**

- **Three completed recommendation forms with accompanying recommendation letters.** (See attached forms.)

- **Sample Academic Paper.** A recent and representative sample of academic writing, no longer than 10 double-spaced, typewritten pages. Please include your name on your statement and submit in duplicate. Note: Applicants who do not have a recent sample of academic writing may submit a five-page research paper on a topic of interest. Applicant must be sole author of any work submitted.

Applications will be evaluated by the program admissions committee. Applicants deemed most appropriate for potential admission will be contacted by the department to schedule an 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
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,
  - successful completion of JFK University’s English Language Program (ELP), or
  - by other measures which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Notes: 1. Applicants must have the equivalent of a US Bachelor’s degree.
2. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires that the name on the application match exactly with the name on the passport.

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 institutions.

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

Written Personal Statement Guidelines

The personal statement is one of the most important selection criteria and carries similar weight as the admission interview. The statement will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee as part of the admission process to determine interview eligibility.

Purpose:
- Clarify your interests and goals in the area of psychology.
- Expedite the interviewers’ understanding of you.
- Obtain a sample of your writing abilities.

Format:
- Typed and double-spaced with one-inch margins.
- Four (4) pages in length.
- Submitted to the JFK University Admissions Office with other application materials.
- Written solely for the JFK University PsyD Admissions Process.

Content: The personal statement should be a reflection of your interest, enthusiasm, and commitment to the field of psychology. Potential areas to address in the statement include:
- Why are you considering graduate school at this time?
- What in your life experience has led you in the direction of psychology?
- What do you believe are your strengths and weaknesses as a student? As a potential psychologist?
- How do your future goals as a psychologist fit the goals and mission of the JFKU PsyD program?
- What would you like to gain from your experience in graduate school?

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Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)
Program Prerequisites

Minimum Prior Psychology Coursework
A minimum of four (4) successfully completed courses in psychology or a closely related field must be listed on the applicant’s transcripts, at the time of application. These may be inclusive of the specific prerequisite courses for the PsyD program.

Specific Prerequisite Courses
There are four prerequisite courses for the PsyD Program, which must be completed prior to beginning the program:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Statistics
- Theories of Personality
- A diversity-related course

These courses need to have been taken at an institution with regional accreditation, or other recognized accreditation within the past ten years, with a grade of C or better if taken as part of an undergraduate program, or a B- or better if taken as post-baccalaureate work (or with a grade of Credit in a Credit/No Credit graded class).
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3. Home address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

4. Social Security number______________________________________

5. Gender: □ Female □ Male

6. Home phone __________________________________________
   Business phone _____________________________________

7. Date of birth ______________            8. Birthplace _____________________________________________________________

9. Country of Citizenship _____________  If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.? □ Yes □ No
   Alien registration # __________________ Type of Visa held _______ OR type requesting _______

10. International Applicants: Do you intend on enrolling in the JFK University English Language Program? □ Yes □ No

11. Military/Veteran Applicants: Are you □ Active Duty Military □ Military Reserve □ Retired Military

12. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? □ No □ Yes (If Yes, please provide explanation on a separate paper.)

13. Year for which you are applying: _______________ (NOTE: The program admits for the fall quarter only.)

14. Check the box for which program to which you are applying:
   【 】 3500 — Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) 【 】 5350 — MA Sport Psychology/PsyD Linked Program

15. Indicate which type of program you plan to attend: □ Full-time □ Half-time

16. List in chronological order any and all:
   1) colleges and universities attended since high school graduation; and 2) school(s) currently attending.
   Please indicate degrees conferred or to be conferred by each institution. NOTE: You are required to obtain transcripts from any and all colleges and universities, including community colleges and other schools, even if the units are listed on another transcript.

   School, College or University and Armed Forces Record | Location | Major | Dates | Degree/Units Completed

I certify that the information provided on this application and any attached document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and understand that omissions or falsifications may result in withdrawal of acceptance. I further understand that I must provide all items required as outlined in the Application Requirements for that particular program.

A nonrefundable application fee must accompany the application form.

Be sure to complete the second page of this application.

Signature ________________________________________________________________    Date ___________________________

Return signed and dated application with fee to: Admissions Office
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WWW.JFKU.EDU
(800) 696-JFKU (5358)
EXPERIENCE
List your experience relative to the field of psychology. List the most recent first.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Three letters are required. Please list the individuals who will be submitting forms:

1. ____________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________

STATISTICAL INFORMATION
We would appreciate your cooperation in completing the items below. This information is used to give us a profile of JFK University students and provide the statistical data required for federal and foundation grant funding. Your admission to JFK University will not be affected if you chose not to answer all of the questions.

1. Hours employed per week:
   - a. None
   - b. 1 - 9
   - c. 10 -19
   - d. 20 - 27
   - e. 28 - 36
   - f. 37+

2. Educational costs reimbursed by employer:
   - a. None
   - b. 1-25 %
   - c. 26 - 50 %
   - d. 51 - 75 %
   - e. 76 - 100 %

3. Combined family income:
   - a. $0 - 10,999
   - b. $11,000 - 19,999
   - c. $20,000 - 29,999
   - d. $30,000 - 39,999
   - e. $40,000 - 49,999
   - f. $50,000+

4. Total number of family members dependent on this income: ____________

5. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
   - a. Yes
   - b. No

6. Please select one or more of the racial or ethnic groups that applies to you.
   - a. American Indian or Alaskan Native
   - b. Asian
   - c. Black or African American
   - d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   - e. White

7. How did you first hear about the JFK University PsyD program?
   - a. Airport Ad
   - b. BART Ad
   - c. Community College Transfer Fair/Event
   - d. College Graduate Fair/Event
   - e. Internet
   - f. JFKU Campus Event
   - g. JFKU Website
   - h. Magazine Ad
   - i. Mailer
   - j. Newspaper Ad
   - k. Off-Campus Event
   - l. Online Ad
   - m. Poster/flyer
   - n. Radio Ad
   - o. Recommendation/Referral
   - p. TV Ad
   - q. University Sign
   - r. Word of Mouth
   - s. Other Please specify: ____________________________
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Signature:__________________________________________________          Date:____________________________

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