



Master of Arts in community psychology

About the Program

AUC offers the first and only community psychology graduate degree in the region. Community psychologists work to promote health and well-being for individuals and communities. Their unique approach seeks to understand, prevent and solve organizational, community and policy issues through well-established psychological principles and scientific evidence. The work of community psychologists is guided by an explicit focus on human rights and social justice, citizen participation and empowerment, respect for cultural diversity and an emphasis on community strengths and resources. Community psychologists aim to create transformative, sustainable change which enables individuals and communities to thrive.

Curriculum

The two-year program emphasizes professional training, with almost all courses involving hands-on experience and practice. The program includes an eight-month internship and an individual research thesis.

Students gain knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Analyzing communities using psychological, ecological and systems theories.
- Conducting applied, participatory and action-oriented research.
- Assessing community needs and resources.
- Designing prevention and intervention programs.
- Using a collaborative approach for evaluating and monitoring programs.
- Consulting, including strategic planning and capacity building.
- Applying basic individual and group counseling techniques.
- Working with communities in an ethical and culturally competent way.

Graduates of the program can focus their career on a particular population, such as refugees, people with mental illness or street children. They can also focus on an issue such as poverty alleviation, community organizing and coalition building, human rights, disabilities, health equity, political advocacy, or drug abuse. Alternatively, graduates who develop consultation practices or work in interdisciplinary settings can apply their skill sets to multiple issues.

Employment Opportunities for Graduates

- National and international nonprofit organizations
- Multilateral organizations such as the United Nations or the World Health organization
- Government offices focusing on mental health, general health, education, development or family
- Social research firms
- Corporate social responsibility departments
- Donor and grant funding agencies
- Universities and educational institutions
- Private consultation



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Financial Support

AUC offers numerous financial support options, including needs-based financial aid, teaching assistantship positions as well as scholarships. Our current students have received tuition waivers through the African Graduate Fellowship (offered to non-Egyptian African nationals), The Nadhmi Auchi Young Arab Leaders Fellowship, the Writing Center Graduate Fellowship and the Tarek Juffali Fellowship, which is granted only to psychology students. For more information, please visit: www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/grad/pages/financial.aspx

Application

New students are enrolled annually for the fall semester, which begins in early September. Applications will be considered until all slots are filled. Due to limited class size, applicants are encouraged to apply before April 15. The University's late deadline is June 30. Students cannot enrol for the spring semester. For admission requirements and procedures, please visit: www.aucegypt.edu/huss/sape/gradprog/pages/admissionsforpsychologyma.aspx www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/grad