

## **Council on Graduate Studies Executive Action Request**

**TO:** Dean Ryan Hendrickson and the Council on Graduate Studies

**FROM:** Dr. John Mace, Psychology Chair

**DATE:** January 20, 2023

### **Request:**

Waive GRE scores as a requirement for admission to the Clinical Psychology M.A. Program.

### **Rationale for Change:**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many graduate programs in Clinical Psychology temporarily waived GRE scores as an admissions requirement. We have received feedback from students in our program who are applying to doctoral programs that most no longer require GRE scores. Likewise, the Clinical Psychology M.A. program has seen a slight decrease in applications paired with increasing email requests from potential applicants to waive GRE scores. As a result, we would like to waive GRE scores for admissions for Fall 2023; if this change is approved, then the program will re-evaluate after this admissions cycle whether we would like to make this change permanent and make the appropriate request. The admission process is already underway, and we have received several dozen applications. To try to assure that the process is fair, the program will (1) make the appropriate changes to the program website and admissions portal; (2) contact students who have started the application process and inform them of the change; (3) contact applicants who previously requested a waiver via email and subsequently did not apply to the program; and (4) extend the application deadline to February 15<sup>th</sup> to allow more students to apply after the change is made.

**Effective Year/Term:** Spring 2023 for Fall 2023 admissions

### **Current Catalog Description:**

Prior to consideration for acceptance, students must provide evidence of admission to the Graduate School and completion of the GRE (General) test.

### **Proposed Catalog Copy:**

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