



Community Psychology Programs

Ph.D. Community Research and Action

Program Concentrations

- Community Development, Environment & Urbanization
- Education & Youth Development
- Community Health

Website: https://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/departments/hod/graduateprograms/phd_in_community_research_and_action/index.php

AT A GLANCE

Full-time faculty: 18

Full-time faculty who identify as Community Psychologists: 7

Students admitted each year: 10

Available assistantships: All admitted students are given research and teaching assistantships for full tuition and stipend plus additional scholarship awards and supports for 5 years.



THE PROGRAM

We are a unique program in our interdisciplinary/social ecological mix, size [18 full-time core faculty, including 7 community psychologists for about 25-30 PhD students], and strengths in research (including advanced qualitative, quantitative, critical, and participatory methods training), teaching, and field experience. Most faculty and students focus on U.S. communities, but we also have several with significant international interests and experience. Our program has been ranked #2 among all human development-related programs in the U.S. and our College (Peabody) has been ranked the #1 graduate school of education more years than any other over the past 15 years.

Program Alumni Information

The program focuses on training researchers and practitioners. Graduates from the program are typically employed in government, education, healthcare, consulting and/or the nonprofit sector.

COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community Research and Action core faculty have degrees in psychology, sociology, geography, anthropology, health policy, human development & family studies, human resource development, counselor education, leadership & policy studies, and community research & action. The central concern of the program is the relationship between social systems and individual well being in the community context. Our main research foci include:

- Social Justice and Diversity
- Community Organizing and Development
- Prevention, Education and Human Development
- Community Health
- Urban, Environmental, Housing and Homelessness Policy

M.Ed. Community Development and Action

Program Concentrations: Students are allowed and encouraged to create their own concentrations by taking coursework and completing practicum placements that are aligned with their specific area of interest. Examples of previous concentrations include Program Development & Evaluation, Community Health, Positive Youth Development, and Housing & Urban Development.

Website: <https://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/programs/community-development-and-action-med/index.php>

AT A GLANCE

Full-time faculty: 14

Full-time faculty who identify as Community Psychologists: 6

Students admitted each year: 20

Available assistantships: All students are considered for partial-tuition merit awards (service free) upon submitting an application for admission to the program. Beyond these awards, students can apply for teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and graduate assistantships in our department and other departments at Vanderbilt.

THE PROGRAM

The program focuses on training both researchers and practitioners. Graduates from the program are typically employed in government, education, healthcare, consulting and/or the nonprofit sector.

COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Our multidisciplinary faculty comprises scholars from an array of fields including community psychology, sociology, geography, public health, and anthropology. Faculty research and interests are united by a commitment to understanding and facilitating community- and systems-level approaches to positive social change.

Bachelor's of Human & Organizational Development: Community Leadership and Development track

Website: https://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/departments/hod/undergraduate-program/hod_track_summaries/community_leadership_and_development_track.php