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Have questions about the Lifespan Developmental Psychology Program?

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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

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Birmingham is a growing and progressive city located in the foothills of the Appalachians. It was recently rated #1 Next Hot Food City by Zagat and was selected as one of Outside Magazine’s 25 Best Towns of 2017.

Birmingham is home to world class museums and performing arts venues, and the region offers excellent sites for hiking, camping, boating, swimming, and fishing.
Our Training Program
- Training emphasizes preparing students to study development in natural social contexts, as well as in laboratory settings.
- A key component of students’ training is translating basic scientific principles and theories to practice.
- The program is designed to be completed in 4-5 years.
- Graduates of the LDPP have secured academic positions as post-doctoral fellows and instructors, and some have moved into industry.
- Please note that our program does not prepare students to be clinicians.
- There are opportunities to earn a dual degree (e.g., MPH).
- Graduate students typically receive full tuition remission and research or teaching assistantships that provide a competitive stipend.

Our Course Curriculum
Through a core curriculum of developmental psychology, statistics and research design, and general psychology, students develop a solid foundation in the history, methods, theory, and current research in developmental psychology.

Our Research Foci
- Developmental Disabilities
- Child and Adolescent Health
- Applied Cognition
- Health Disparities
- Successful Aging
- Developmental Psychopathology
- Parent and Peer Influences
- Neighborhood Effects
- Bio-psycho-social Pathways
- Injury Prevention
- Post-injury Care and Recovery

Applied Training Opportunities
Students and faculty conduct socially relevant action research in a variety of settings across campus and surrounding community. Examples include:
- Civitan International Research Center
- Center for Research in Applied Gerontology
- Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging
- Alzheimer’s Disease Center
- UAB Early Head Start Program
- Collaborations with the UAB Schools of Medicine, Education, and Public Health

ADMISSIONS FAQ
What are the requirements?
Admission to the program is highly competitive. Research experience is essential. We prefer a solid background in psychology as well as some courses in the life sciences. Strong GRE scores and excellent grades in statistics and mathematics are also valued. We follow an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity process.

When should I apply?
The deadline for all application materials to be in the Graduate School online system is November 30th. Application materials are available at http://www.uab.edu/graduate. Late or partial applications will not be considered.

Do I need to choose a mentor?
Applicants should identify one or more faculty members with whom they share research interests.

Can I enroll part-time?
No, admission is for full-time studies only. Students are admitted annually each fall.