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how is the chicago school of professional psychology psyd in chicago?

Hello! I'm currently looking at psyd programs and was wondering if anyone knows if the chicago school of professional psychology psyd in chicago is good? I've heard mixed things about it so if there's any alumni or students who went there and could share their experience i would really appreciate it!

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Didn't go there but know a few colleagues who did.

People are largely paying for the location and its comparative ease of admissions.

But you'll need to have lots of money or be willing to take on an irresponsible level of debt.

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fail ultimately to get licensed. There will also be strong students who thrive, get a good education, and go on to have good careers.

In larger programs the class size will be larger. If you are someone who self-engages well, is comfortable being an active participant in class, and actively seeks out opportunities- you will thrive. This is still grad school and will likely be more academically rigorous than undergrad.

You will want to insure that they have practicum placements- existing relationships and arrangements for practicum. Students should not be left on their own to arrange it. I suspect that Chicago school has a formal arrangement and this may be an APA requirement.

I was internship faculty for many years and we had students from programs across the US. Those that we selected from prestigious programs vs those from larger programs were generally indistinguishable in internship as far as clinical skills went.

Professional schools can be a pathway into the career for people who are "nontraditional" compared to the rigorous programs. The reality is that the field of psychology is very seriously understaffed/understrength and there will never be an adequate number of such programs for our field to grow. There is a place for professional programs as long as they hold high academic standards and meet APA accreditation. This reddit tends to leap to trashing professional programs without real discussion about why these programs have issues.

There are also programs that have been predatory in terms of accepting students who was very poor candidates for completing their degree, rack up hundreds of thousands in debt, produce students who cannot get internship/licensed, etc. As a result these professional schools have earned a bad reputation for taking advantage of people who will not make it through. The Argosy program in DC closed with no warning leaving students mid-way in their grad education, with massive student loans.

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Dead on.

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Saying that it has a "mixed" reputation is like saying that lava is warm. It has a very bad reputation.

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are matched to pretty poor practicums and internships. I did my doctoral internship at a top APA-approved college counseling center. I went on to match at very competitive post-doc positions. I passed the EPPP on the first try.

That said, I don't recommend the program if you have other options. I was largely disappointed with the program and the quality of my education.

Did I make the best of my situation with what was available- yes. Can you do the same- yes. Are the other programs out there that are better- yes. Would I go to TCSPS again if it was one of my only options due to life circumstances- yes.

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Do you enjoy debt and lackluster training?

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I went to a professional school as I entered the field later (second career) after finishing my undergraduate degree and spending a few years assisting with research while completing undergrad. I wound up with a fantastic dissertation chair, excellent training opportunities, and a rigorous internship. I'm a professor at an R1 school now. I think experiences in any program can vary depending on a lot of different factors, but I wouldn't snub my nose at it simply because it's a professional school like some people in this comment section are. My best advice would be to find the best fit you can between what your ultimate career goals are and what the program can offer in terms of training experiences and areas of research among faculty. Other than that keep your head up and try to drown out rude or negative advice - unfortunately there's a bit of elitism and ego in this field, so that coupled with competition for placement in programs and at training sites can bring out sides of people that aren't very kind or gracious. I hope you find a great program that is supportive of your endeavors!

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I work in the field. In chicago. People openly discuss not hiring TCS graduates. It's a diploma mill.

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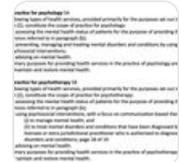
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