

## **Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology!**

**Below you will find additional important information about becoming a student with us.**

### **DISABILITY SERVICES:**

Graduate students who need academic accommodations for a disability should call the **Disability Services Program (DSP)** at 303-871-2278 or e-mail Michele McCandless at [michele.mccandless@studentlife.du.edu](mailto:michele.mccandless@studentlife.du.edu). It is highly recommended this contact be made as far in advance as possible. The DSP works collaboratively with students, graduate department faculty, and other University staff to facilitate appropriate, individualized accommodations. Documentation of disability is required and should be presented directly to the DSP office. More information can be found at [www.du.edu/disability](http://www.du.edu/disability); the *Handbook for Students with Disabilities* outlines policies and procedures.

### **FINANCIAL AID:**

Due to our limited merit-based budget and the highly competitive process for these funds, the Admission Committee is unable to award every highly deserving student a grant or scholarship. Many of our currently enrolled U.S. citizens and U.S. Permanent Residents apply for **federal loans** to assist in funding their DU degree. Our **international students find that a University of Denver degree is affordable** tend to utilize private loans and all of our students can look into outside funding opportunities as we well. We encourage you to visit our **financial aid website** to learn more about the affordability of attending the University of Denver. The Graduate School of Professional Psychology has a long-established reputation and when you join our school we believe you will be making an investment in your educational training and in your future career. Click [here](#) to learn about our accomplished alumni.

To view the financial aid being offered to you by the University of Denver, please access <http://pioneerweb.du.edu> and select the *Student or Incoming Student* tab to access your financial aid account. For questions regarding the financial aid you are being offered, please contact **303-871-4020** or for inquiries about departmental aid, contact Julie Schellman, *Director of Admissions*, at 303-871-2908, [julie.schellman@du.edu](mailto:julie.schellman@du.edu)

### **HEALTH INSURANCE & IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:**

All students enrolled in one (1) or more credit hours are required to carry adequate health insurance and provide proof of immunization. Students may either participate in the DU Student Health Insurance Plan or provide proof of other adequate health insurance. Students will receive detailed information regarding these requirements and additional instructions from the DU [Health and Counseling Center](#) after submitting their admission deposit. For more information, please contact the Health and Counseling Center at 303-871-2205 or <http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/index.html>

### **GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION:**

The University of Denver welcomes students from around the world and is committed to providing academic experiences to support their scholarly and professional development. The Office of Graduate Studies provides an orientation for all new students and the Office of Internationalization will hold an International Graduate Student Orientation. These orientations introduce students to the range of resources available at the University of Denver.

At the International Graduate Student Orientation, new international students will receive an introduction to the American classroom culture and expectations, information regarding immigration requirements for students in F-1 and J-1 status, and an outline of support services offered through the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office.

The Graduate School of Professional Psychology's New Student Orientation will take place the week after Labor Day. You will be emailed specific dates and the agenda over the summer.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:**

Students whose native language is NOT English and who are required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores will be assessed by the DU English Language Center (ELC). Students whose DU assessment demonstrates they are proficient enough in English to be academically successful, regardless of TOEFL/IELTS scores, may enroll in graduate academic classes full-time. Students whose DU assessment demonstrates minor deficiencies and indicates their opportunity for academic success would be enhanced by ELC support may enroll in academic classes full-time and will be placed in an ELC bridge course. Students whose DU assessment indicates significant levels of deficiency will be required to take an appropriate level of English language instruction at the ELC and may be required to reduce their academic course load accordingly. ***Dates and format for the assessment will be communicated to the students by the Office of Graduate Studies.***

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL(iBT) speaking section or an eight (8) on the IELTS speaking section. Individual graduate programs reserve the right to set higher test score requirements. Graduate programs may submit a petition to the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies to waive the GTA minimum score requirements for prospective GTAs whose DU assessment demonstrates sufficient proficiency in spoken English. Prospective GTAs whose DU assessment demonstrates they are not sufficiently proficient may be permitted to hold a GTA position, but will be required to enroll in an ELC bridge course.

Students will be provided information regarding their assessment during the International Graduate Student Orientation. **Students who do not attend the orientation must contact the ELC to arrange for an assessment in order to be cleared for registration and will incur a \$200.00 assessment charge.**

### **CONNECT WITH YOUR COHORT:**

After you accept your admission offer, the Graduate School of Professional Psychology will contact you with directions on how to join our incoming/current student Facebook groups created just for you to get to know your fellow students and learn more about our programs and school. The Facebook groups will be available around the end of April, once we have a better idea of who will be joining our programs.



## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

The University of Denver's Office of Financial Aid works closely with each student to make a DU education affordable. We provide financial aid assistance and counseling services designed to help you finance your DU education. If you have questions, financial aid advisors are available by phone, email, and appointment Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

If you plan to apply for financial aid, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The application can be submitted online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The University of Denver's **school code is 001371**. Your FAFSA information will be sent to DU electronically from the Department of Education and you will be informed if any additional information is required before an offer of financial aid can be made.

In late March, the Office of Financial Aid will begin sending financial aid award notifications via email to students who submitted their FAFSA by the **February 15th** priority deadline. Email notifications will be sent out to the email address you provide(ed) on your FAFSA. Students who submit their FAFSA after the priority deadline will have an award notification sent to them approximately 2-3 weeks after submission of the FAFSA. Your financial aid award may contain a combination of scholarships, work awards, and student loans to help you finance your education.

You can view your financial aid awards and accept, decline, or reduce offered aid via PioneerWeb. You do not have to accept all the financial aid offered by DU. Remember that student loans must be repaid. Be sure to read the documents sent with your financial aid award notification. Your acceptance indicates you will comply with the terms and conditions of financial aid awards. If you are accepting student loans, additional steps will be required before loan funds can disburse to your student account.

PioneerWeb is your online resource for managing your financial aid account. This secure website also allows you to view your financial aid information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can log in to PioneerWeb at [pioneerweb.du.edu](http://pioneerweb.du.edu) and select the Student or Incoming Graduate Student tab to view your financial aid information, verify the receipt of documents submitted, and view any outstanding requirements. When reviewing your financial aid information, be sure to select the appropriate year.

Please direct questions to the Office of Financial Aid. We're here to help!

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