GTA Requirements for the Ph.D. in Psychology: Consciousness and Society Program

Psychology GTAs are not chosen to teach until the practicum supervisor affirms that the student is ready. The supervisor(s) monitors the students’ teaching during the course of the semester.

Before being able to teach a class, students must:

1. Enroll in PSYC 9087, Teaching Practicum
2. Successfully pass practicum
3. Have eighteen semester hours or more in graduate level psychology courses

The GTAs are evaluated at the end of each semester. The evaluation includes observations of practicum supervisor(s), numerical scores and comments from student evaluations, and observations and comments from the Director of the PhD program and department chair. These observations usually are based on anecdotal “kudos” or complaints from students who may approach either during the course of a semester.

To remain eligible for the GTA position, the graduate student must:

1. Obtain an average of 4 on a 5 point student evaluation scale
2. Maintain a satisfactory GPA in their course work
3. Maintain adequate progress in their academic work (ex. receiving grades of “I” or “W” may result in losing GTA)