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Level of Importance of Admission Criteria in U.S. Graduate Departments of Psychology by Type
of Department and Institution: 2007-2008

Admission criteria		Doctoral				Master's			
		Public		Private		Public		Private	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Importance of GRE/MAT Scores	High	140	59%	70	40%	51	48%	10	17%
	Medium	91	38%	55	31%	36	34%	29	50%
	Low	2	1%	11	6%	11	10%	6	10%
	None	4	2%	39	22%	9	8%	13	22%
Research Experience	High	170	72%	81	46%	29	27%	13	22%
	Medium	63	27%	58	33%	50	47%	23	40%
	Low	3	1%	31	18%	23	21%	16	28%
	None	1	0%	5	3%	5	5%	6	10%
Work Experience	High	30	13%	39	22%	16	15%	11	19%
	Medium	120	51%	94	54%	49	46%	36	62%
	Low	79	33%	35	20%	34	32%	7	12%
	None	8	3%	7	4%	8	7%	4	7%
Extracurricular Activities	High	6	3%	6	3%	2	2%	0	0%
	Medium	78	33%	57	33%	31	29%	31	53%
	Low	122	51%	94	54%	57	53%	22	38%
	None	31	13%	18	10%	17	16%	5	9%
Clinically-related public service	High	32	14%	50	29%	16	15%	13	22%
	Medium	105	44%	84	48%	45	42%	26	45%
	Low	68	29%	24	14%	27	25%	13	22%
	None	32	14%	17	10%	19	18%	6	10%
GPA	High	174	73%	140	80%	85	79%	43	74%
	Medium	61	26%	32	18%	19	18%	15	26%
	Low	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%
	None	2	1%	2	1%	3	3%	0	0%
Letters of Recommendation	High	208	88%	147	84%	79	74%	47	81%
	Medium	26	11%	25	14%	22	21%	11	19%
	Low	1	0%	2	1%	4	4%	0	0%
	None	2	1%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%
Interview	High	135	57%	139	79%	28	26%	19	33%
	Medium	57	24%	16	9%	16	15%	15	26%
	Low	9	4%	8	5%	12	11%	8	14%
	None	32	14%	10	6%	47	44%	16	28%

	Not specified	4	2%	2	1%	4	4%	0	0%
Goals and objectives	High	208	88%	149	85%	66	62%	42	72%
	Medium	28	12%	25	14%	30	28%	14	24%
	Low	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	0	0%
	None	1	0%	1	1%	7	7%	2	3%
Other criteria	High	33	14%	28	16%	12	11%	7	12%
	Medium	6	3%	8	5%	1	1%	0	0%
	Low	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
	None	4	2%	7	4%	4	4%	1	2%
	Not specified	194	82%	132	75%	89	83%	50	86%

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