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Level of Importance of Admission Criteria in U.S. Graduate Departments of Psychology by Type of  
Department and Institution: 2008-2009

Admission criteria		Doctoral				Master's			
		Public		Private		Public		Private	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
GRE/MAT Scores	High	140	60%	67	41%	47	49%	8	15%
	Medium	89	38%	53	32%	32	33%	26	49%
	Low	3	1%	10	6%	10	10%	7	13%
	None	2	1%	35	21%	7	7%	12	23%
Research Experience	High	172	74%	79	48%	29	30%	10	19%
	Medium	59	25%	54	33%	46	48%	21	40%
	Low	3	1%	28	17%	18	19%	17	32%
	None	0	0%	4	2%	3	3%	5	9%
Work Experience	High	27	12%	40	24%	13	14%	10	19%
	Medium	122	52%	87	53%	47	49%	34	64%
	Low	78	33%	33	20%	30	31%	7	13%
	None	7	3%	5	3%	6	6%	2	4%
Extracurricular Activities	High	6	3%	6	4%	1	1%	0	0%
	Medium	78	33%	54	33%	28	29%	28	53%
	Low	123	53%	89	54%	54	56%	20	38%
	None	27	12%	16	10%	13	14%	5	9%
Clinically-related public service	High	33	14%	50	30%	13	14%	13	25%
	Medium	108	46%	78	47%	43	45%	23	43%
	Low	65	28%	23	14%	24	25%	13	25%
	None	28	12%	14	8%	16	17%	4	8%
GPA	High	176	75%	135	82%	79	82%	36	68%
	Medium	57	24%	28	17%	15	16%	17	32%
	Low	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%
	None	1	0%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%
Letters of Recommendation	High	207	88%	139	84%	73	76%	43	81%
	Medium	25	11%	24	15%	18	19%	10	19%
	Low	1	0%	2	1%	3	3%	0	0%
	None	1	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%
Interview	High	135	58%	133	81%	25	26%	19	36%
	Medium	57	24%	16	10%	13	14%	14	26%
	Low	10	4%	7	4%	11	11%	5	9%
	None	30	13%	7	4%	44	46%	15	28%
	Not specified	2	1%	2	1%	3	3%	0	0%
Statement of goals and objectives	High	203	87%	140	85%	63	66%	39	74%
	Medium	31	13%	25	15%	25	26%	11	21%
	Low	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	1	2%
	None	0	0%	0	0%	6	6%	2	4%

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