Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Application Checklist

☐ **Admission criteria:**
   o A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (or 2.9 in the last 60 credits).
   o Completion of at least 9 credits in the social/behavioral sciences.

☐ **Graduate Program application:**
   o Please create an account and apply online at: https://lcadmission.loras.edu/portal/gr_app. There is no application fee.

☐ **Three recommendations:**
   o The recommendations need to be from individuals who can speak to your strengths, weaknesses, and ability to succeed in an online graduate program.
   o Please enter the email addresses for three references in the "References" section of your online application. An email will be sent to those three references asking them to complete and submit an online recommendation form. (They are welcome to provide an optional supplemental letter in addition to the form as well).

☐ **Current resume:**
   o Please upload your resume to the "Materials" section of your online application.

☐ **Personal statement:**
   o The personal statement is a typewritten paper outlining your interests and professional goals (maximum of 2 pages double spaced). This statement is an integral part of your application. Please address the following information:
      ▪ What specific factors led you to apply to this Applied Psychology graduate program?
      ▪ Describe the specific experiences or skills you possess that you believe will help you succeed in this graduate program.
      ▪ What areas of skill, knowledge, or ability do you hope to improve through graduate study?
      ▪ Please comment on your ability to succeed in an online program that requires self-direction and initiative.
      ▪ How would this degree support your professional goals?
   o Please upload your personal statement to the "Materials" section of your online application.

☐ **All official transcripts from each institution attended, including undergraduate and graduate:**
   o For a transcript to be considered official, it must be mailed in a sealed envelope from that institution's Registrar's Office directly to Loras College Graduate Admissions. (Transcript "issued to student" as well as faxed and copied transcripts will not be considered official).
      ▪ All official transcripts can be mailed to:
      Loras College Graduate Admissions
      Attn: Megan Henderson
      1450 Alta Vista Street
      Dubuque, IA 52001
   o Official electronic transcripts ordered through a service such as Credential Services or National Student Clearinghouse are also acceptable.
   o Please have your transcripts sent immediately after you have submitted your online application.
   o Notice to applicants who are still enrolled in classes at their current institution:
      ▪ In lieu of an official copy of your undergraduate transcript, please upload an unofficial copy of your current undergraduate transcript to the "Materials" section of your online application. Upon receipt of all other application materials, you may still be invited for an interview and be given a provisional admission decision, contingent upon our receipt of your final, official transcript once your final grades are posted.

Please note that you will be required to enter the 3 reference email addresses and upload your resume and personal statement before you can submit your online application. However, you may start the application and return to it at a later time to upload those documents. It does not all have to be completed at once.

Application deadlines:
   Spring enrollment – all materials due by December 1
   Fall enrollment – all materials due by August 1
   Applications submitted after these deadlines will be considered on an individual basis.

Admission decision:
   Immediately following receipt of all application materials, your file will be reviewed by the Program Director. You will then be notified of an admission decision in your online Applicant Status Portal within one week.   11/2023