

The Chicago School: A 30-Year History

1979-1984

1985-1993

1995-2001

2002-2008

2008-2009

Jan 12, 1979 Articles of incorporation for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology signed by the Illinois Secretary of State

Sep 1979 First classes for the Clinical Psychology doctorate (Psy.D.) offered in temporary space at the Lawson House YMCA on West Chicago Avenue

June 1980 Move to two rented classrooms in the Fine Arts Building on Michigan Avenue

After a year as acting president, Phil Hablutzel, J.D., is named The Chicago School's first president

May 1983 Dr. Bernard Gold assumes The Chicago School presidency

1984 The Chicago School receives regional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association

June 1985 Dr. Jeffrey Grip succeeds Dr. Gold as president

1986 The Chicago School graduates its first class

Move to Dearborn Station in the South Loop

1987 Clinical Psychology program receives accreditation from the American Psychological Association

Center for Intercultural Psychology established, later to be renamed the Center for Multicultural and Diversity Studies

1988 First Cultural Impact Conference

1990 President Grip recruits Ricardo Grunsten to the Board of Trustees; later to become The Chicago School's longest-serving board chair

Mar 1995 Thomas Lynch succeeds Dr. Grip as president

1995 First community partnership established with Erie Neighborhood House

1996 First Chicago School website launched

Feb 1999 Trustee George Mitchell named interim president

Feb 2000 Dr. Terri Risolo becomes interim president

June 2000 Dr. Michael Horowitz hired as The Chicago School's 7th president

2000 The Chicago School introduces its first master's degree: an M.A. in Clinical Psychology

2001 M.A. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology introduced

2002 M.A. in Forensic Psychology introduced

2003 M.A. in Clinical Psychology-Counseling Specialization introduced

2004 Move to 325 North Wells Street

M.A. in Clinical Psychology-Applied Behavior Analysis Specialization introduced

2005 Psy.D. in Business Psychology introduced

2006 Ed.S. in School Psychology introduced

2007 The Chicago School expands to space in the Merchandise Mart

2008 Online Campus opens

Los Angeles Campus opens

Forensic Center opens at Chicago Campus

2008 The Chicago School acquires California Graduate Institute, facilitating the expansion of the Southern California presence to include campuses in Westwood and Irvine

2008 China Office opens

2009 The Chicago School's first Ph.D.s—in International Psychology and Organizational Leadership—introduced

The Chicago School affiliates with Santa Barbara Graduate Institute

The Chicago School collaborates with Chicago Public Schools to open Garfield Park Preparatory Academy, a K-8 contract school and part of CPS' Renaissance 2010 initiative

TCS Education System—a nonprofit organization with a mission of preparing innovative, engaged, purposeful agents of change—is founded, incorporating The Chicago School and its affiliates.

Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, Calif., enters into a definitive agreement to join TCS Education System.

1979 Founders

1980 YMCA Building

1980 Fine Arts Building

1983 Phil Hablutzel

1983 Bernard Gold

1985 Jeff Grip

1986 First Graduating Class

1986 Dearborn Station

1990 Ricardo Grunsten

1996 First Website

1999 George Mitchell

2000 Michael Horowitz

2004 Wells Street Building

2008 Los Angeles

2009 The Chicago School FORENSIC CENTER

santa barbara graduate institute

GarfieldPark Preparatory Academy

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