

Psychology Graduate Programs

M.S. in School Psychology plus Certificate Program

Program Description

The Master of Science in School Psychology plus certificate program is designed for individuals interested in becoming school psychologists in settings such as public or private schools, mental health centers, hospitals, state education agencies, private practice and universities. School psychology brings together the knowledge base of several disciplines, including child psychology, human development and education with an emphasis on special education.

In order to practice as a school psychologist, candidates must earn a master's degree (36 credits) plus state certification (33 additional credits of certification preparation coursework) in school psychology.

Program Coordinator

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Delivery Mode

Traditional (on-campus, face-to-face delivery with some online/distance elements)

Accreditation

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP, formerly NCATE)

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) (SLFull, 2006)

Curriculum - Master of Science: School Psychology

Course	Credits
PSY 702* Psychopathology of Childhood	3
PSY 710* Principles of Instruction and Intervention	3
PSY 712 Advanced Psychology of Learning	3
PSY 713 Psychology of Growth and Development	3
PSY 721 Advanced Tests and Measurements	3
PSY 722 Individual Psychological Evaluation I	3
PSY 741 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
PSY 752 Fundamentals of School Psychology	3
PSY 756 Consultation and Group Processes with Practicum	3
PSY 761 Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology I: Univariate	3
PSY 795* Seminar in Behavior Modification	3
PSY 796 Seminar in Analysis of Research in School Psych (non-thesis option) OR PSY 849 Thesis Option (see student manual)	3
Total	36

*These courses meet the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Chapter 49 requirements of 9 credits addressing accommodations and adaptations for diverse learners in inclusive settings (PSY 702, PSY 710 and PSY 795) and 3 credits of meeting the needs of English language learners (EDU 650).

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Curriculum - Post-Master's Certificate: School Psychology

Course	Credits
EDU 650 Supporting English Language Learners	3
PSY 720 Neuropsychology	3
PSY 723 Individual Psychological Evaluation II	3
PSY 728 Practicum in School Psychology	3
PSY 734 Assessment of Personality and Behavior	3
PSY 742 Techniques of Counseling and Psychotherapy with Practicum	3
PSY 762 Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology: Multivariate	3
PSY 773 Internship in School Psychology	6
PSY 774 Internship in School Psychology	3
PSY 798 Seminar in Professional School Psychology	3
Total	33

Additional Requirements

- Minimum of 350 clock hours of practicum, typically obtained within the first two years of coursework via course assignments.
- Minimum of 1,200 clock hours of internship, typically completed in the third year of study, in a public school setting and in our on-site school psychology clinic.

Full-time school psychology candidates typically complete the master's plus certification program in three years. The first year begins by taking three courses in the summer. At the end of the second summer, successful candidates are awarded a Master of Science in School Psychology. Candidates interested in pursuing certification in school psychology continue with full-time coursework through the following summer, then complete a 1,200 clock hour internship in the third year of study. Once the internship requirements have been fulfilled, candidates may then apply for state certification in school psychology.

Program Webpages

- **Master of Science:** <https://www.calu.edu/academics/graduate/masters/education-campus/school-psychology/index.aspx>
- **Post-Master's Certificate:** <https://www.calu.edu/academics/graduate/certificates/education/school-psychology/>