

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION (147)

Program Coordinator

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School psychologists are members of teams that strive to enhance students' ability to learn in public school systems. The program uses knowledge and skills from the fields of psychology and education to provide specialized preparation to engage in a variety of roles related to special education services, data collection and analysis, consultation, crisis preparedness and response, mental health services, and academic and behavioral interventions. The program emphasizes the application of knowledge through supervised experiences in the psychology department's clinic and through practicum and internship placements in the public schools. After the required coursework, a 1200-hour (minimum) internship must be completed.

Program Admission

Applicants should have at least 12 semester hours of coursework in Psychology and a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0. Applicants should send three letters of recommendation, the psychology department application form and the graduate application form to the Graduate Studies.

Beyond these stated minimum requirements, selection is competitive. A criminal background check, TB test, and physical exam will be required of successful applicants during the first semester of graduate study at the applicant's expense.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (66 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSY 509	Foundations of School Psychology	3
PSY 510	Advanced Educational Psychology	3
PSY 511	Psychology of Learning	3
PSY 514	Program Evaluation and Research Methods	3
PSY 519	Psychological Perspectives on Classroom Behavior	3
PSY 540	Behavior Problems of Childhood and Adolescence	3
PSY 541	Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology	3
PSY 545	Clinical Child Psychology: Theory and Practice	3
PSY 560	Assessment of Individual Intellectual Functioning: Theories and Issues	3

PSY 561	Advanced Assessment in Educational Settings	3
PSY 562	Practicum in Psychological Assessment	3
PSY 592	Psychology Internship	6
PSY 625	Seminar in School Psychology	3
EDFN 501 or PSY 617	Educational Statistics Reading and Understanding Statistics in Psychology	3
PSY 641	Theories of Psychotherapy	3
PSY 643	Academic Assessment and Intervention	3
PSY 645	Consultation in Educational and Mental Health Settings: Theory and Practice	3
PSY 662	Practicum in Psychology	6
PSY 699	Specialist Project	6
Total Hours		66