

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, ED.S.

The Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in School Psychology utilizes a scientist-scholar-practitioner model of professional training. Students prepare for positions as school psychologists in early childhood, elementary, and secondary schools, and with other organizations or agencies that focus on psychological services to children, youth, and families.

The areas of professional practice of school psychologists include psychological assessment and psychdiagnostic evaluation, prevention and intervention procedures, consultation and program planning, and research and evaluation. The progress requires study of applied behavior analysis, cognitive-behavior therapy, social-learning theory, and ecological-behavioral-systems theory. Students receive applied experience and training by completing practicum and internship experiences in individual and group work with children in general and special education, including individuals with developmental disabilities and others with special education needs. Included in the practicum and internship experience is work with families, classroom peer groups, and community and school systems.

The Department of Educational Psychology also administers a PhD in School Psychology.