

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY:

The Ed.S. School Psychology Track at A-State prepares students for careers as School Psychology Specialists/School Psychologists. These professionals work with parents, teachers, students, educators, and others to best meet the educational and mental health needs of children.

Students who complete the program are eligible to take the Praxis II School Psychology Specialty Examination in order to become licensed as School Psychology Specialists with the Arkansas Department of Education or licensed School Psychologists with other State Departments of Education. Graduates of the track are also eligible to apply for national certification to become Nationally Certified School Psychologists (NCSP) through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

Both full-time and part-time plans of study are available to students.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY: A PROMISING CAREER

U.S. Newsweek ranked School Psychology as the #1 best social service job based on salary, stress, flexibility, and upward mobility.

U.S. Newsweek ranked School Psychology as the 14th best job of 2013 (no other education or psychology professions were ranked).

Median Salary: \$67, 880

Unemployment rate: 1.4%

A predicted 22% increase in job openings by 2020 due in part to increasing demands from students with learning difficulties, special needs, and behavioral issues and the retirement of current practitioners.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) Degree
School Psychology Track
NASP Approved



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit all college transcripts, acceptable scores on the GRE (Verbal & Quantitative Sections), provide 4 letters of recommendation (2 from professors) under separate cover, submit a statement of educational & career aspirations, and, if invited, appear for an interview with the degree committee.

Application materials are available from:

Graduate Admissions

P.O. Box 1570 • State University, AR 72467

Phone: 870.972.2031

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GradAdmissions@AState.edu

AState.edu/info/admissions/graduate/index.dot

Students admitted to the degree program must demonstrate professional qualities consistent with those for effective performance in academic and practice settings. An applicant who qualifies may be admitted with or without conditions. To qualify for either admissions status, an applicant must meet criteria printed in the current A-State Graduate Bulletin.

For more information: AState.edu/psychology-counseling

LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST PROVIDE:

Assessment including testing
Data Collection and Analysis
School-wide Practices to Promote Learning
Resilience and Risk Factors
Consultation and Collaboration
Academic/Learning Interventions
Mental Health Intervention
Behavioral Intervention
In-service Education
Instructional Support
Prevention & Intervention Services
Special Education Services
Crisis Preparedness, Response, & Recovery
Family-School-Community Collaboration
Diversity in Development & Learning
Research and Program Evaluation
Professional Ethics, School Law, & Systems
Supervision of Practicum Students & Interns

ACCREDITATION:

The degree program consists of 66-semester hours that requires coursework consistent with the training standards of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and Arkansas Department of Education standards. The program is NASP and ADE Approved.

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: 66

PSY 6613Theories & Techniques of Helping Relations
PSY 6213Statistics & Research Design
PSY 6573Psychological Testing
PSY 6603Professional School Psychology
PSY 6583Individual Intelligence Testing
PSY 6613Professional Consultation
PSY 6623Child & Adolescent Psychopathology, Prevention, & Intervention in the Schools
PSY 7563Theories of Learning
PSY 7223Research Design & Program Evaluation
PSY 6513Advanced Educational Psychology
PSY 7513Psychoeducational Assessment
COUN 7463Couples & Family Counseling
PSY 6523Behavioral Assessment & Intervention
PSY 7523Psychoeducational Interventions
COUN 6603Social Cultural Aspects of Counseling
PSY 7583Developmental & Differential Psychology
ELFN 6763Philosophies of Education
PSY 7633Physiological Psychology & Psychopharmacology
PSY 6713Practicum in School Psychology X 2 (6 Sem. Hrs. = 300 Clock Hours)
PSY 782VSupervised Internship X 2 (1200 Clock Hours)

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