

The Program

Completion of this 61 credit-hour graduate program will provide candidates with an M.S. and a certificate of advanced studies (CAS) in school psychology. Graduates will be eligible for provisional certification as a school psychologist by New York state and will be qualified to apply for national certification (NCSP). (Additional years of experience are required for permanent New York state certification).

Registration

The master of science degree and certification of advanced studies programs in mental health counseling have been approved and registered by the New York State Department of Education.

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Course Requirements

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Required courses and recommended sequence:

Fall

- EDU 595 Educational Research & Statistics
- EDU 654 Counseling Theory & Practice
- EDU 800 Intelligence Theory & Assessment
- EDU 801 Perspectives in School Psychology

Spring

- EDU 536 Human Learning, Development & Motivation

OR

- EDU 539 Characteristics of Students with Exceptional Needs

- EDU 658 Counseling Process

- EDU 802 Psychological Assessment of Children & Adolescents

- EDU 803 Counseling & Behavior Therapy with Children

Fall

- EDU 572 Reading Difficulties: Identification & Intervention

- EDU 669 Group Theory & Applications

- EDU 804 Psychological Assessment of Infants & Preschoolers

- EDU 805 Practicum I

Spring

- EDU 652 Multicultural Counseling

- EDU 655 Lifespan Development

- EDU 671 Psychopharmacology

- EDU 806 Practicum II

Summer

- EDU 670 Differential Diagnosis

Fall

- EDU 807 Internship I

Spring

- EDU 808 Internship II

Notes:

1. Practicum clock hours must total 400 by the end of two semesters.
2. Internship clock hours must total 1200 by the end of two semesters.
3. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination, as described in course requirements for EDU 806, is required prior to enrollment in internship.
4. Successful completion of a comprehensive portfolio, as described in course requirements for EDU 808, is required in order to attain degree.

Frequently Asked Questions ...

What are the admissions requirements?

- Official transcripts of all previous college and university work, to be sent directly by the registrar of each institution.
- Application accompanied by a \$30 fee.
- Two letters of recommendation, to be sent directly by persons who know your academic qualifications.
- Statement of Intent. The applicant will submit a written statement discussing his/her philosophy of the role of the school psychologist, professional goals, objectives, strengths and weaknesses. The statement must be a minimum of two, double-spaced, typewritten pages and be received within 60 days of receipt of the application form by the dean's office.
- Graduate Record Examination (General Test Score) OR Miller Analogy Test.
- For students whose native language is not English, scores on the TOEFL are required.
- An interview is required.

How is admission to the program decided?

Decisions for admittance into the graduate program are based upon a comprehensive system, which includes multiple measures to assess the personal characteristics, communications and basic skills proficiency of candidates. This system includes (a) a standardized skills proficiency test (the MAT or GRE), (b) faculty recommendation, (c) statement of intent, (d) record of competence and effectiveness in academic and/or professional work, and (e) graduation from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a B average.

All students attend an interview which will examine the student's career goals, personal readiness for conducting therapy, multicultural sensitivity and awareness, and personal judgement and decision-making skills.

How long will it take to complete the program of study?

Students can complete the master of science degree program in school psychology in three years by taking courses in the fall, spring and summer sessions.

What is the advisement process?

Students will be assigned a faculty adviser upon completion of the application for admission. Students should meet with the assigned adviser prior to beginning their program of study and periodically thereafter. The adviser will assist the student in planning his/her program.

What are the requirements for graduation?

Students must maintain a B average in course work and successfully complete a comprehensive examination and all practicum and internship placements.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. If you are a matriculated (accepted) student you may qualify for a Stafford Student Loan, a Federal Perkins Loan, a TAP award (New York state residents) or an OSAP Loan (Canadians).

How do I enroll in the program?

Prospective students can request application material by writing, calling or e-mailing:

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