



APPLICATION PACKET

**School Psychology Program
Department of Educational Administration
and Psychological Services
Texas State University
San Marcos, Texas 78666**

A Member of the Texas State University System

Revised Spring 2007

A. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CONSIDERATIONS

In order to gain admission to the School Psychology Program, the student applicant should meet the following requirements:

1. Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning, with a major in education, psychology, special education, or a closely related field. (Exceptions are occasionally made.) Students should have completed undergraduate coursework in statistics, human growth and development and abnormal psychology or psychopathology with a satisfactory grade.
2. Send three letters of recommendation regarding your professional competence, your character, and your academic performance to the School Psychology Program Coordinator.
3. Apply in writing on the attached Application for Admission to the School Psychology Program form. Include a transcript of all previous college work with your application. Attach to your application a 2-3 page typed statement regarding your reasons for applying to the program.
4. Be admitted to the Graduate School at Texas State University. The deadline for application to the School Psychology Program is:

February15	Fall Semester
October 15	Spring Semester

Permission may be granted by the Department for summer enrollment.

When the above requirements are met, the School Psychology Program Committee will consider your application for admission, and you will be notified by the Graduate School of the action taken. If conditional approval for admission is granted, the applicant should arrange for an interview with a School Psychology Program advisor before registering for the first semester.

Note: Admission to Graduate College does not automatically qualify the applicant for School Psychology Program admission.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

1. The School Psychology Program is located in the Department of Educational Administration and Psychological Services in the College of Education at Texas State University-San Marcos. The program is interdepartmental and includes faculty from psychology, special education, counseling, and sociology, in addition to school psychology.
2. The program is a 69 hour master of arts degree sequence that includes 600 hours of practicum experience and 1200 hours of internship. Licensure and certification requirements dictate a fairly set sequence of coursework throughout the student's program.
3. The three practicum courses (EDP 5389 A) are taken throughout the program and are arranged in public school and mental health settings as appropriate for the needs and preferences of the individual. These courses provide opportunities to obtain experience in "psychological services" in applied settings as well as an overview of the organization of schools. Students receive practicum experiences in consultation with teachers and school administrators, case conferences, parent interviews, assessments of children, team meetings, and liaison activities.
4. The two course 1200 hour professional internship in school psychology (EDP 6300A and EDP 6300B) provides an opportunity for continuing supervision over a wide range of activities. Interns are provided university supervision and are supervised at public school sites by Texas Licensed Specialists in School Psychology or by Licensed Psychologists in non-school settings. The internship occurs near the end of formal training in school psychology and interns are considered full members of the multidisciplinary team.

C. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

1. Required courses in the Specialty Areas (EDP) School Psychology & (Coun) Counseling (50 hours)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Title</u>
EDP 5300	3	Interviewing, Counseling and Consulting in School Psychology
COUN5207	2	Counseling and Personality Theories: Pre-Practicum
COUN 5307	3	Counseling and Personality: Current Theories
COUN5368	3	Developmental Issues in Counseling Children, Adolescents and Adults
EDP 5376	3	Psychoeducational Assessment
EDP 5377	3	Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Assessment
EDP 5379	3	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology: Advanced Assessment and Interventions
EDP 5380	3	Individual and Group Counseling Techniques for School Psychologists
EDP 5385	3	Ethics, Standards, and Procedures in Professional School Psychology
EDP 5386	3	Consultation and Professional Issues in School Psychology
EDP 5389A	3	Practicum in School Psychology
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EDP 5394	3	Psychosocial & Cultural Aspects of Instruction and Remediation
EDP 5396	3	Biological Bases of Behavior
EDP 6300A	3	Professional Internship in School Psychology
EDP 6300B	<u>3</u>	Professional Internship in School Psychology
	50	HOURS

2. Required courses in the interdisciplinary minor area (PSY) Psychology/ (SOC) Sociology/(SPED) Special Education. (18 hours)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Title</u>
EDP 5378A	3	Data-Base Decision Making
PSY 5320	3	Advanced Statistics OR SOC 5307 Advanced Statistics for the Social Sciences
PSY 5370	3	Psychology of Learning
PSY 5391	3	Research Seminar
SOC 5370	3	Seminar in Multicultural Relations
SPED 5375	<u>3</u>	Classroom and Behavior Management Strategies for Students With Disabilities
	18	HOURS
	69	HOURS TOTAL

D. SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT (12 HRS.) BEGINNING IN A FALL SEMESTER

Fall - Semester #1

EDP 5385	Ethics, Standards and Procedures in Professional School Psychology
EDP 5300	Interviewing, Counseling and Consulting in School Psychology
PSY 5320	Advanced Statistics OR SOC 5307 Advanced Statistics for the Social Sciences
COUN 5368	Developmental Issues in Counseling Children, Adolescents, and Adults

Spring - Semester #2

COUN 5307	Counseling and Personality: Current Theories
COUN 5207	Counseling and Personality Theories: Pre-Practicum Seminar
EDP 5376	Psychoeducational Assessment
PSY 5391	Research Seminar

Summer I & II - Semester #3

PSY 5310	Advanced Abnormal Psychology
EDP 5380	Individual and Group Counseling Techniques for School Psychologists
EDP 5377	Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Assessment
PSY 5370	Psychology of Learning

Fall - Semester #4

EDP 5389A	Practicum in School Psychology
EDP 5394	Psychosocial and Cultural Aspects of Instruction and Remediation
EDP 5396	Biological Bases of Behavior
SPED 5375	Classroom and Behavior Management Strategies for Students with Disabilities

Spring - Semester #5

SOC 5370	Seminar in Multicultural Relations
EDP 5389A	Practicum in School Psychology
EDP 5379	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology: Advanced Assessment and Interventions
EDP 5386	Consultation and Professional Issues in School Psychology

Summer - Semester #6

EDP 5389A Practicum in School Psychology

Fall - Semester #7

EDP 6300A Professional Internship in School Psychology

Spring - Semester #8

EDP 6300B Professional Internship in School Psychology

**E. CERTIFICATION AS A NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
AND LICENSURE AS A SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

As contrasted with many specialties, the school psychology degree does not result in automatic recommendation for certification/licensure. The Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential is granted after successful completion of the 68 hour program, passage of the National School Psychology Examination administered by Educational Testing Service (Praxis Series), and successful application to the National Board of Certified School Psychologists in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Licensed Specialist in School Psychology credential is obtained from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in Austin, Texas. The graduate must pass a jurisprudence examination administered by the State Board.

F. COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 18 credit hours per calendar year and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Advisement of students concerning degree planning, advanced registration, practicum/internship assignments, etc., is a required element of the program.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-San Marcos
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666**

1. NAME _____ SS# _____

2. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
Street City Zip

3. WORK ADDRESS _____
Street City Zip

4. CURRENT POSITION _____

5. TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Home) _____ (Work) _____

6. E-MAIL _____ FAX _____

7. EDUCATIONAL DATA: Colleges Previously Attended

Name of College	Date(s) Attended	Major	Degree Granted	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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8. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE/ EMPLOYMENT

(If additional space is needed, please attach additional pages.)

9. OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE, e.g. volunteer work, organizations, etc.

10. INTERESTS/HOBBIES

11. HONORS/AWARDS

12. GRE Score: Quantitative _____ Verbal _____ Total _____ Analytical _____

Date Taken _____

13. Grade Point Average Overall _____ In Undergraduate Major _____

14. How do you plan to do your work, if admitted to the program? Minimum time for completing the program including the internship is eight semesters (two summer semesters).

- A. Full-time _____
- B. Part-time during regular session only _____
- C. Summer Session(s) _____
- D. Combination _____

15. When do you plan to begin your work if accepted? _____
Month, Year

When do you hope to complete your work? _____
Month, Year

16. Where would you “prefer” to do your practicum/internship? Place 1,2, and 3 in order of preference. The student must provide their own transportation to the following areas or neighboring cities.

San Antonio _____

San Marcos _____

New Braunfels _____

Austin _____

Other _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

17. Attach a transcript of all relevant coursework and a 2-3 page typed statement regarding your reasons for applying to the program and mail along with the application to:

Dr. Cindy Plotts, Coordinator
School Psychology Program
Texas State University-San Marco
Department of EAPS
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San Marcos, TX 78666