

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

<http://www.psychology.eku.edu/school/default.php>

### Admissions Requirements

The school psychology program is committed to working with a diverse group of students.

A minimum of five undergraduate psychology courses including general psychology, statistics, and experimental psychology plus two other acceptable courses.

The Graduate School requires a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5, or 2.75 for the last 60 hours. Students receiving clear admission to graduate programs in psychology usually have an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (minimum of 750 combined) must meet Departmental requirements. Admissions are competitive and space in the program is limited; therefore, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Three letters of recommendation must be provided directly to the psychology department, two related to the undergraduate major, with at least one from faculty. Applications should be received by **March 1**. Notification regarding admission usually will be made in April. Students applying later may be accepted if space is available.

Materials needed to apply to school psychology program:

1. EKU Graduate School Application, which includes a Personal Statement.
  - Graduate School application process can be completed online: [Graduate School Application Online](#)
2. Official Academic Transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. Letters of Recommendation - Letters may be addressed to:
  - School Psychology Specialist Program Admission Committee
  - Department of Psychology
  - Eastern Kentucky University
  - 521 Lancaster Ave.
  - Richmond, KY 40475
5. Resume/Vita

## Program Goals

### Psy. S. Degree

The Psy.S. degree in school psychology is a three year, 71-hour degree program including coursework in statistics, research, psychological assessment, consultation, therapy, intervention and ethics. This program will prepare you to effectively meet the diverse psychological and educational needs of children. This program meets the eligibility requirements for taking the Kentucky school psychology certification examination and has NCATE/[NASP](#) approval. Students will obtain an M.S. degree in [General Psychology](#) at the end of their first year in the school psychology program.

### Content Areas

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| Psychological Foundations ( Development, Learning, Abnormal Child )   | 12 hrs.        |
| Educational Foundations ( Curriculum, Reading, Ed. Administration )   | 9 hrs.         |
| Research, Evaluation, & Statistics ( Statistics, Research Design, Indep. Research )   | 9 hrs.         |
| Psychoeducational Diagnosis & Intervention (Behavior Therapy, Intellectual/ Personality and Educational Assessment, School Interventions) | 19 hrs.        |
| Ethics, Legal Issues  | 1 hr.          |
| Professional Identity   | 3 hrs.         |
| Practicum (2)   | 6 hrs.         |
| Internship ( 2 semesters)   | 12 hrs.        |
| <b>Total Requirements</b>   | <b>71 hrs.</b> |

## School Psychology Program

| <b>Semester I (Fall)</b>     |  | Hrs.      |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|
| PSY 848                      | Introduction to School Psychology                        | 3         |
| PSY 824                      | Intellectual Assessment                                  | 3         |
| PSY 826                      | Professional Concerns                                    | 1         |
| PSY 820                      | Statistics and Research Design                           | 3         |
| PSY 850                      | Psychotherapy & Behavior Change I                        | 3         |
| <b>Semester II (Spring)</b>  |  |           |
| PSY 862                      | Research in Professional Psychology                      | 3         |
| PSY 847                      | Topics in Individual Differences                         | 3         |
| PSY 846                      | Behavioral Research Methods                              | 3         |
| PSY 881                      | Advanced Children's Assessment                           | 3         |
| <b>Intersession</b>          |  |           |
| PSY 827                      | Topics in Assessment                                     | 1         |
| <b>Semester III (Summer)</b> |  |           |
| PSY 837                      | Social Psychology & Cultural Diversity                   | 3         |
| PSY 840                      | Cognitive Bases of Behavior                              | 3         |
| SED 800                      | Exceptional Child in Regular Classroom or equivalent     | 3         |
| <b>Semester IV (Fall)</b>    |  |           |
| PSY 843                      | Practicum: Assessment/Interventions                      | 3         |
| PSY 857                      | Interventions with Children & Families                   | 3         |
| PSY 853                      | Biological Bases for Behaviors                           | 3         |
| PSY 865                      | Psychological Consultation                               | 3         |
| <b>Semester V (Spring)</b>   |  |           |
| PSY 843                      | Practicum: Consultation                                  | 3         |
| PSY 868                      | Program Evaluation in Social and Behavioral Sciences     | 3         |
| EAD 800                      | Introduction to Educational Administration or equivalent | 3         |
| ELE 871                      | Readiness & Primary Reading Program or equivalent        | 3         |
| <b>Semester VI (Fall)</b>    |  |           |
| PSY 898                      | School Psychology Internship                             | 6         |
| <b>Semester VII (Spring)</b> |  |           |
| PSY 898                      | School Psychology Internship                             | 6         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>           |  | <b>71</b> |

EXIT EXAM:

PRAXIS II: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISY 0400

PRAXIS II: Certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net) for current requirements or contact The Division of Professional Learning and Assessment at 502-564-4606 or 888-598-7667.