

# PSYCHOLOGY (SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION), MASTER OF ARTS

The **School Psychology** concentration is designed for students interested in providing mental health services in school settings. This concentration requires sixty (60) semester credit hours. The first year is devoted to preparation in the foundations of psychology, including ethics, counseling theory, and the assessment and diagnosis of learning, emotional and behavioral problems. The second year includes training in counseling, consultation, intervention strategies, and a supervised practicum (150 clock hours). The third year consists of an internship of no fewer than 1,200 clock hours, 600 of which must be completed in a public school. Upon completion of this concentration and an acceptable score on the National School Psychology Examination, students are eligible to apply for licensure as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) from the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) or from boards in other states which have similar requirements.

Admission to the graduate program in the Department of Psychology is competitive. A student may be admitted to the graduate program if, in the judgment of the faculty, his or her qualifications indicate a strong likelihood of successful completion of the graduate program. It should be noted that not all qualified students can be admitted. Non-psychology majors or minors may be required to take undergraduate prerequisites before being considered for admission to the program. The department considers the entire packet of information in the application for admission. Students are selected on the basis of their total record of academic achievement, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and relevant experience.

Specific requirements are:

1. A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
2. A minimum GPA of 2.75 in psychology coursework
3. Graduate Records Examination (GRE) score
4. Application, vitae/resume, all college transcripts
5. Personal statement
6. Letters of recommendation (3)
7. Application processing fee \$50.00 Resident \$75.00 International
8. An interview with one or more members of the of the department's Admissions Committee.
9. A minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours of undergraduate psychology.
10. If international, a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper based test or 213 on the computer based test or 79 on the internet based test is required, an official IELTS score can be submitted in lieu of TOEFL in which case a minimum overall band score of 6.0 is required.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses (p. )		45
Concentration Requirements (p. )		15
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

## Core Curriculum Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 533	Survey Psy Statistics	3
PSY 539	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY 540	Consultation	3
PSY 541	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSY 542	Learning and Behavior Management	3
PSY 631	Research Design	3
PSY 632	Theories of Counseling and Psychological Interventions	3
PSY 635	Psychological Counseling, Interviewing, and Report Writing	3
PSY 640	Professional Orientation in the Field of Psychology	3
PSY 641	Social, Cultural, and Systemic Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 643	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSY 730	Eth & Legal Issues in Men Hlth	3
PSY 733	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 735	Practicum	3
PSY 739	Psychopathology	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

## CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 899	School Psychology Internship	6
EDCI 531	Classroom Management	3
Select two of the following		6
EDCI 520	Curr Dev Early Childhood Ed	
EDCI 540	Curriculum & Instruction	
SPED 556	Psycho-Ed Intervention	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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Please note that ENG 501 is required if GRE Analytical Writing score is less than 3.5.

Comprehensive Exam is taken in the 3rd year.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PSY 539	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY 632	Theories of Counseling and Psychological Interventions	3
PSY 730	Eth & Legal Issues in Men Hlth	3
PSY 739	Psychopathology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSY 533	Survey Psy Statistics	3
PSY 540	Consultation	3
PSY 541	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSY 635	Psychological Counseling, Interviewing, and Report Writing	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**Second Year****First Semester**

PSY 542	Learning and Behavior Management	3
PSY 641	Social, Cultural, and Systemic Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 643	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSY 731	Role of School Psychologist	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**Second Semester**

PSY 631	Research Design	3
PSY 735	Practicum	3
EDCI 531	Classroom Management	3
Select one from the three elective options below: <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**Third Year****First Semester**

PSY 733	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 899	School Psychology	3
Select one from the three elective options below <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

**Second Semester**

PSY 899	School Psychology Internship	3
*Comprehensive Exam is taken in 3rd year		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

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**Total Hours** **60**

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Elective options include: EDCI 520 Curr Dev Early Childhood Ed, EDCI 540 Curriculum & Instruction, or SPED 556 Psycho-Ed Intervention.