SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY programs

Our school psychology programs offer Master of Education/Specialist in Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The doctoral program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) as well as the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and is ranked 7th nationally for research productivity. The school psychology program qualifies graduates for employment in public and private schools, clinics and hospitals, private practice, universities, and community and state agencies. Through this program students are prepared to:

- Provide consultation and psychological services to students, parents and educators
- Use cognitive, achievement and social/emotional assessment results to assist children and teachers
- Uphold the ethical, legal and practical professional standards governing practice of school psychology
- Develop and implement intervention and prevention programs to address academic, social-emotional and behavioral difficulties
- Participate in seminars, professional organizations, and professional development experiences related to their specific career focus

department of
COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The Department of Counseling and Psychological Services has been training graduate students in the fields of counseling and psychology for more than 38 years at Georgia State University. The department maintains strong relationships with schools and community agencies as well as with other departments in the College of Education and the university.
faculty

Eight full-time faculty support the school psychology program. All faculty members are actively involved in research and together have a wide range of experience in schools, private practice and universities. Two of our faculty, Dr. Joel Meyers and Dr. Steve Truscott, have been named among the Top 50 contributors to school psychology literature. Dr. Andrew Roach was the recipient of the American Psychological Association’s Lightner Witmer Award for his research and contributions to school psychology.

The school psychology program is recognized by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) as demonstrating a commitment to diversity issues through the recruitment and retention of students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; multicultural curricular emphasis; faculty involvement in multicultural research and outreach; and participation in related research and training grants.

RESEARCH INTERESTS (sample listing)

- School- and community-based research investigating bullying, cyberbullying, school safety and school climate
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth
- Primary prevention and interventions for learning and adjustment problems
- School-based consultation and pre-referral intervention strategies
- Inclusive large-scale assessment and accountability systems
- Development and implementation of culture-specific interventions
- Alignment analysis, curricular access and opportunity to learn
- Professional issues in school psychology
- Stress management
- Play therapy
- Professional development in teacher learning
- Prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education at Georgia State University offers comprehensive programs in all areas of teacher education, including counseling and sports-related fields, with an emphasis on innovation and outreach. Committed to our immediate community – Atlanta – while simultaneously extending our influence nationally and globally, we focus on excelling in three areas:

- Serving the underserved
- Preparing the highest quality education and human development professionals in critical needs areas
- Conducting leading research on culture, learning and human development

Drawing on the expertise of our world-class faculty, expecting the best of our talented students, and inspired by the challenges of our urban setting, Georgia State's College of Education stands out as a program that's uniquely positioned to move lives forward – today and in the future.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Master of Education/Specialist in Education Degree

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.5 minimum for consideration or graduate GPA of 3.25 (if Masters of Education is already obtained)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Goal statement
- Resume
- Writing sample
- Interview
- GACE Basic

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- GPA 3.30 (Undergraduate and/or graduate)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Goal statement
- Resume
- Writing sample
- Interview

Application deadlines for the Master of Education/Specialist in Education and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs vary. For more information on deadlines and how to apply, please visit the College of Education’s Office of Academic Assistance and Graduate Admissions website at http://education.gsu.edu/oaa.

Information on tuition and fees is available at www.gsu.edu/es/tuition_and_fees.html.

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“This program balances classroom-based learning, research, and practice in the field, encouraging integration, critical analysis, and application of multiple sources of knowledge. These diverse experiences give us the training and skills to enter the field with confidence.”

— Laura Tenenbaum
Student
Ph.D. School Psychology

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