EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, PHD: COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

UWM’s PhD specialization in Counseling Psychology follows a scientist-practitioner model that integrates theory, practice and research to give you the scientific knowledge and skills needed to work with multicultural urban populations and in diverse settings.

Our PhD students are expected to conduct research and to advance the science of counseling psychology through scholarly inquiry. Our program, which is accredited by the American Psychological Association*, will prepare you to work as a counseling psychologist in a variety of settings, including universities, hospitals, mental health clinics and private practice.

Educational Psychology PhD
The goal of the Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology is to prepare psychologists, researchers and educational professionals to effectively work on the unique challenges of promoting education, learning, and mental health in urban environments. The four areas of emphasis in the doctoral program are:

- Counseling Psychology
- Cognitive and Developmental Sciences
- Educational Statistics and Measurement
- School Psychology

See the Educational Psychology Website (https://uwm.edu/education/academics/educational-psychology-department/) for more information on these areas.

The Counseling Psychology and School Psychology specializations at the master's and doctoral level are accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

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Website: American Psychological Association Website (https://accreditation.apa.org/)

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines
Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/).

Admission
To be considered for admission to the program applicants must complete the Graduate School online application, and satisfy all UWM Graduate School admission requirements in addition to the following program requirements:

- Optional: Submission of scores on the General Test portion of the Graduate Record Examination (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre); test taken within last five years. GRE scores are not required for any program in educational psychology but may be submitted as supplemental material.
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0; graduate GPA of at least 3.5 required.
- A letter outlining the applicant’s academic and professional background, declaration of Area of Concentration (Counseling Psychology, Cognitive and Developmental Sciences, Educational Statistics and Measurement, or School Psychology) as well as specific research interests and goals for the PhD program.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s intellectual achievement and potential.
- Applicants to the Cognitive and Developmental Sciences, School Psychology, and Counseling Psychology concentrations must submit at least one sample of their academic writing. You may add additional materials that highlight your professional and/or academic skills.
- Applicants to the Educational Statistics and Measurement concentration must submit at least one sample of quantitative research/statistical analysis. You may add additional materials that highlight your professional and/or academic skills.

Credits and Courses

Core Educational Psychology Requirements
All doctoral students are required to complete 43-46 core credits in the areas of Discipline-Specific Knowledge and Research Methods. In many cases, students entering with a Master’s degree will have completed some of these courses. Courses taken during Master’s preparation may be counted in meeting the core requirements. Elective credits are taken in consultation with the major professor.

Discipline-Specific Knowledge: Students must take 18-21 credits minimum of discipline-specific knowledge (history and systems of psychology, foundations of science, integration).

Research Methods Core: Up to 25 credits; students can do an additional 9 credits for an Educational Statistics and Measurement minor.

All doctoral students must show documentation that they have acquired research skills needed for dissertation work. To fulfill this requirement students must successfully complete 13 credits of coursework in the area of research methods at the 700 level or above, including ED PSY 724, and six credits at the 800 level or above.

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Affective Basis of Behavior
ED PSY 814  Cognition and Emotion: The Affective Components of Human Thought  3  
Social Bases of Behavior (choose one)  3  
ED PSY 833  Social Psychology of Group Differences: Race and Ethnicity  
PSYCH 930  Seminar in Social Psychology  
ED PSY 735  Social Cognition in Educational Psychology  
Category 3: Advanced Integration (choose one)  3  
ED PSY 814  Cognition and Emotion: The Affective Components of Human Thought  
PSYCH 727  Cognitive Neuroscience  
Research Methods Core  
ED PSY 724  Educational Statistical Methods II  4  
ED PSY 728  Techniques of Educational Research  3  
ED PSY 838  Research Practicum in Educational Psychology (4 semesters)  12  
Choose two from the following:  6  
ED PSY 720  Techniques of Educational and Psychological Measurement  
ED PSY 820  Multiple Regression  
ED PSY 821  Psychometric Theory and Practice  
ED PSY 822  Item Response Theory  
ED PSY 823  Structural Equation Modeling  
ED PSY 824  Advanced Experimental Design and Analysis  
ED PSY 825  Multivariate Methods  
ED PSY 826  Analysis of Cross-Classified Categorical Data  
ED PSY 827  Survey Research Methods in Education  
ED PSY 829  Instrument Development  
ED PSY 922  Seminar in Measurement and Evaluation:  
ED PSY 929  Seminar in Statistics and Research Design  
AD LDSP 729  Qualitative Research and Field Studies in Education Settings  
Counseling Psychology Concentration: Profession-Wide Competencies  
COUNS 803  Vocational Psychology  3  
COUNS 807  Advanced Counseling Strategies:  3  
COUNS 814  Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling Psychology  3  
COUNS 815  Advanced Multicultural Counseling  3  
COUNS 840  Psychological Assessment  3  
COUNS 860  Capstone-Research in Counseling Psychology  3  
COUNS 917  Supervision of Counseling  3  
COUNS 975  Doctoral Practicum in Counseling 3 (2 semesters)  6  
COUNS 976  Doctoral Practicum in Counseling 4 (2 semesters)  6  
COUNS 977  Advanced Doctoral Practicum in Counseling 5 (2 semesters)  6  
Total Credits  85  
Core Concentration Requirements  
All students must complete core courses in their area of concentration. Minimum credit requirements vary with the area of concentration due to accreditation and certification requirements. 
Other Requirements  
In addition to the requirements listed below, please refer to the program handbook for each concentration. 
Students Entering Without a Master's  
For the Counseling Psychology concentration, students entering without a Master's degree in Counseling must also complete the following in order to meet accreditation/certification requirements:  
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Additional Requirements  
Advising and the Major Professor  
Upon admission to the doctoral program in Educational Psychology, students are assigned a temporary advisor in their area of emphasis (e.g., Counseling Psychology, Cognitive and Developmental Sciences, Educational Statistics and Measurement, or School Psychology). This person is available to discuss initial course selection and provide general advice about the program. After beginning the program and before filing a Student Academic Plan, students should seek a Major Professor. 

Residence  
The student must meet minimum Graduate School residence requirements (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/doctoral-requirements/#residence) of one continuous academic year of full-time graduate studies at UWM. This can be satisfied by completing at least 8 graduate credits in each of two consecutive semesters, or 6 or more graduate credits in each of three consecutive semesters, exclusive of summer sessions. Residence credit cannot be earned at the master's level.
Practicum
Students in the Counseling Psychology and School Psychology concentrations are required to complete practicum requirements to become licensed.

Internship
Following Practicum, students in the Counseling Psychology and School Psychology concentrations are required to complete a year-long internship in order to be licensed.

Publishable Paper
Students are required to work with faculty to have a “publishable” paper within 30 credits of admission to the doctoral program. This may be their master’s theses and/or master’s papers, where original research is generated or a critical review of research is developed. It may also be a collaborative effort, such as publishing a chapter or article with a faculty advisor or other faculty collaborator.

Minor
Counseling Psychology and School Psychology students must complete 9 credits in the Department of Psychology. The minor will be optional for students in Cognitive and Developmental Sciences and Educational Statistics and Measurement, based on consultation with an advisor.

Doctoral Preliminary Examination
The Doctoral Preliminary Examination is taken at the end of a student’s coursework. A description of the Preliminary Examination is provided in the doctoral handbook corresponding to the student’s specialization area within Educational Psychology.

The Preliminary Examination consists of a written component and, in some specializations, an oral component. The purpose of the Preliminary Examination is to determine whether the student demonstrates understanding of coursework and related bodies of knowledge and is qualified to proceed with dissertation planning. A minimum of three faculty members in the specialization area shall participate on a student’s Preliminary Examination.

Proposal Hearing
A doctoral student qualifies as a “doctoral candidate” upon completion of the doctoral Student Academic Plan, successful completion of the Doctoral Preliminary Examination for the PhD degree, and successfully passing a dissertation proposal hearing. The hearing is open and the date, time and location must be announced by the Doctoral Coordinator. Each member of the committee must sign the doctoral dissertation proposal hearing form, and indicate approval or disapproval. A simple majority of all committee members is required. No absentee ballots are acceptable.

Dissertation Defense
The candidate must write a dissertation that demonstrates the ability to pursue independent research. The candidate must pass an oral exam in defense of the dissertation.

Exit Requirements
Contingent upon satisfactory completion of program requirements, passage of the preliminary qualifying examination, and successful oral defense of the dissertation, the Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology will give final approval of the PhD in Educational Psychology.

Time Limit
It is expected that most students will complete all degree requirements within six years of initial enrollment in the doctoral program. All requirements MUST be completed within ten years from the date of initial enrollment.