

# EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, MS: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

The master's degree in Educational Psychology (School Psychology concentration) is designed as part of the Educational Specialist degree. Students in the EdS track earn a master's degree along the way to their final degree upon completion of the master's degree requirements. As such, the master's degree is not a terminal degree. Students must complete 30 graduate credits. Further, students in the EdS track must pass the master's exam.

The School Psychology concentration incorporates the scientist-practitioner model and provides a concrete link between theory, research, and practice. The program prepares students for employment in school and mental health settings. Students are prepared to provide psychological services to children, adolescents, and families; to conduct research; and to empirically evaluate the efficacy of their psychoeducational interventions and assessment procedures.

The following degree options are available: Master of Science Degree in Educational Psychology with a concentration in School Psychology; Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology; and, a PhD in Educational Psychology: Specialization in School Psychology. The PhD Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

## 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/>).

### Application

Before applying please see the Educational Psychology Website (<https://uwm.edu/education/academics/educational-psychology-department/>) for department-specific application requirements.

### Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements plus these departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 3.00.
2. At least 18 undergraduate credits in education or related social sciences. Applicants may be admitted with specific program-defined course deficiencies provided that the deficiencies amount to no more than two courses. The student is expected to satisfy deficiency requirements within three enrolled semesters. No course credits earned in making up deficiencies may be counted as program credits required for the degree.
3. Initial advisor assignment will be made by the area chair of the concentration to which the applicant has applied.

## Credits and Courses

Students in the Educational Psychology MS - School Psychology concentration pursue either the Education Specialist (EdS) degree or

the PhD degree. In order to better prepare students for their subsequent degree, there are two curriculum tracks to choose from.

### Master's Degree Requirements - EdS Track (31 credits minimum)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>School Psychology Foundations</b>		
ED PSY 751	Professional and Historical Issues in School Psychology	3
ED PSY 752	Developmental Psychopathology	3
ED PSY 755	Cognitive Assessment: School Age Children	4
ED PSY 851	Assessment and Interventions: Personality, Social and Emotional Functioning	3
COUNS 805	Consultation Strategies for Counselors and School Psychologists	3
ED PSY 760	Academic Intervention and Alternative Assessment	3
ED PSY 952	Pediatric Psychology in Urban Settings	3
<i>Choose from the list below for 9 credits minimum</i>		9
<b>Educational Statistics and Measurement</b>		
ED PSY 624	Educational Statistical Methods I	
ED PSY 724	Educational Statistical Methods II	
ED PSY 720	Techniques of Educational and Psychological Measurement	
<b>Development, Learning &amp; Cognition</b>		
ED PSY 631	Cognition: Learning, Problem Solving and Thinking	
ED PSY 640	Human Development: Theory and Research	
ED PSY 734	Contextual Determinants of Motivation	
ED PSY 735	Social Cognition in Educational Psychology	
Total Credits		31

### Master's Examination

Upon successful completion of 31 graduate credits, the student is eligible to become a candidate for the Master of Science in Educational Psychology. The master's degree is awarded pending successful completion of a master's comprehensive examination.

### Master's Degree Requirements - PhD Track (31 credits minimum)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>School Psychology Core</b>		
ED PSY 751	Professional and Historical Issues in School Psychology	3
ED PSY 755	Cognitive Assessment: School Age Children	4
ED PSY 752	Developmental Psychopathology	3
ED PSY 851	Assessment and Interventions: Personality, Social and Emotional Functioning	3
COUNS 805	Consultation Strategies for Counselors and School Psychologists	3
<b>Educational Methods and Intervention Strategies</b>		
ED PSY 760	Academic Intervention and Alternative Assessment	3

**Educational Statistics and Measurement**

ED PSY 624	Educational Statistical Methods I	3-4
or ED PSY 724	Educational Statistical Methods II	
ED PSY 720	Techniques of Educational and Psychological Measurement	3

**Human Development & Learning**

ED PSY 640	Human Development: Theory and Research	3
or ED PSY 735	Social Cognition in Educational Psychology	

**Research**

ED PSY 790	Research or Thesis	3
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Total Credits		31-32
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**Master's Thesis/Paper**

Upon successful completion of 31 graduate credits, the student is eligible to become a candidate for the Master of Science in Educational Psychology. The master's degree is awarded pending successful completion of a master's thesis or paper.

## Additional Requirements

**Major Professor as Advisor**

The student must have a major professor to advise and supervise the student's studies as specified in Graduate School regulations. A student who is not assigned to an advisor at time of admission should immediately contact the Department Chair.

**Thesis**

Optional. Up to 6 degree credits may be awarded for thesis research.

**Comprehensive Examination**

The student who writes a thesis must pass a final oral examination in defense of that thesis. The student who does not write a thesis must pass a final oral or written comprehensive examination.

**Time Limit**

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.