School Psychology, Ed.S.

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About the Program
The Ed.S. is a rigorous graduate degree program that meets the requirements for certification as a school psychologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Students who apply directly from a bachelor's degree can earn an M.Ed. after completion of 30 credits toward the Ed.S. In addition to required coursework, students must also complete an annual portfolio, required practicum placements, and a 1,200-hour internship in a school setting.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The program is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study, with the third year being a full-time internship.

Accreditation: The program is accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Job Prospects: Graduates are employed in public and private schools.

Licensure: Graduates can become Nationally Certified School Psychologists. Certification in School Psychology is awarded after completing the internship and passing the examinations required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Some states will certify without the examinations.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Students may take up to, but not more than, 9 credits of graduate study in the program before being admitted to the program. The credits transfer into the program, if the student is admitted. Students completing certification courses before being admitted to the program are NOT guaranteed admission.

Financing Opportunities: Funding is considered for applicants who submit all required application documents by the priority application deadline.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:
Fall: February 1 (Priority)

Applications are accepted for the Fall term only. Applicants should submit all required application documents by the priority application deadline for funding consideration. Those with applications completed after the priority deadline will be reviewed for admission, but are not eligible for funding consideration.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:
Number Required: 2, with a third submitted at the applicant's discretion. Please submit the "Reference Report for Graduate Study," found at http://www.temple.edu/grad/admissions/documents/Web_GRAD_REFERENCE_REPORT.pdf.

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from college/university faculty members and others who can provide insight into the applicant's academic competence.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: All applicants must present credentials that are the equivalent of the appropriate baccalaureate degree at Temple University. No particular major is required, but prerequisites include coursework in Child Development, Elementary Statistics, General Psychology, and Learning Theory. Students who did not complete the required prerequisites as part of their undergraduate degree or through previous coursework may be required to take:

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Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A bachelor's degree is required. Applicants who do not meet the 3.0 UGPA requirement may be considered for admission if they meet one of the following exceptions:

1. Standard exception: 3.5 UGPA during the last two years AND a minimum of 3.25 Graduate GPA for 9 credits (typically taken as a non-matriculated student in the program prior to application for admission).
2. **Special exception**: Applicants who do not meet regular admission criteria may be considered for a special exception if a compelling case can be made for admission on the basis of some additional source of data.

**Statement of Goals**: Two to three pages include your reason for seeking a specialist degree and certification as a school psychologist with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire; your research and practice interests; and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program. The statement is evaluated against the program's mission.

**Standardized Test Scores**:  
GRE General Test required.  
TOEFL score (international applicants only): 100 iBT or 600 PBT minimum.

**Interview**: Applicants who are considered qualified following an evaluation of their application materials are called in for an interview. Interviews are coordinated by a member of the Admissions Committee and involve the participation of advanced graduate students. Both group and individual interviews are conducted.

**Resume**: Current resume required.

**Advanced Standing**: Advanced standing is determined by the academic advisor during the student's first term in the program by evaluating the student's prior credits in accordance with and relevance to the requirements of the School Psychology program. The maximum number of advanced standing credits awarded is 30.

**Transfer Credit**: Courses may be transferred from an accredited institution provided they were completed less than five years ago and are relevant to the program. The academic advisor makes the decision about the relevancy of the courses that the student desires to transfer. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 6.

**Clearances**: A Pennsylvania criminal background check, a federal criminal history check, a child abuse clearance, and a TB test are required at admission.

## Program Requirements

**General Program Requirements:**
*Number of Didactic Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate*: 75 (30 credits M.Ed.; 45 credits post-master's Ed.S.)

**Required Courses:**

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**Total Credit Hours**: 63-93

**Internship**: For certification, an internship with a minimum of 1,200 hours in an approved setting must be completed. A minimum of 600 hours must be in a school setting. The internship can be full-time for a year or half-time over two years.
Culminating Events:

Comprehensive Examination:
The comprehensive examination is an essay examination that covers key areas of Psychology and School Psychology to determine the student's competence and ability to explain key concepts. The comprehensive exam is only required for a student whose GPA is below 3.5 at the completion of M.Ed. coursework.

Portfolio:
Students must submit a portfolio of professional work annually for review by the advisor.

Contacts

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Courses

SPSY 5667. Introduction to Cognitive Assessment. 4 Credit Hours.
Intensive overview and training with diagnostic instruments of cognitive abilities. Practice with specific tests of intelligence, memory, and cognitive processing. Introduction to the assessment of adaptive behavior. Discussion of theories of cognitive functioning and research literature on intelligence testing.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 5671. Advanced Cognitive Assessment. 4 Credit Hours.
Further training and practice with specialized instruments of cognitive assessment. Focus on birth to age 5, dynamic assessment, multicultural and bilingual assessment issues, and an introduction to neuropsychological principles.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 5672. Personality and Psychotherapy. 3 Credit Hours.
Covers major theories of personality and psychotherapy, and applications to counseling, assessment, and projective testing in the schools.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
SPSY 5673. Introduction to the Diagnostic Process. 3 Credit Hours.
Discussion of the integration of data from case histories, observations, interview and tests in making differential diagnosis. Diagnosis using DSM-IV-TR and educational identification under special education law with both covered. Overview of major diagnostic categories found in schools. Comprehensive study of skills in interviewing, report writing, systematic observation of child behavior, and evaluation of teaching effectiveness. Major emphasis on conceptualizing and writing recommendations for educational remediation.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 5674. Assessment of Personality & Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
Intensive training with diagnostic instruments of personality and behavior. Discussion of educational planning and remedial techniques in relation to personality and behavioral dynamics of children. Emphasis also on theoretical constructs in understanding learning and behavioral difficulties in children.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 5676. Applied Behavior Analysis. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to the functional analysis of behavior of children in the school setting. Includes behavior theory, assessment, interaction, and evaluation. A behavior-change program is conducted.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 5771. Physiological Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is for graduate students in training to be psychologists. It introduces students to the biological bases of behavior, with a focus on brain-behavior relationships.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 8621. Academic Assessment and Intervention. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to introduce pre-service school psychologists to the theories, skills, and ethical and legal considerations of academic assessment in school settings. The assessment class will be taught within the over-arching framework of an ecological, multi-tiered assessment model. The link between assessment and instructional decision-making will be emphasized throughout the course, with attention to assessment practices for learners with diverse needs and providing instructional support to teachers. Students enrolled in the course will learn how to select, design, administer, score, interpret, and report results for a variety of assessment approaches related to monitoring instructional efficacy and learner outcomes in a standard-aligned model. Assessment approaches will include: (a) authentic; (b) screening; (c) diagnostic; (d) formative; (e) benchmark; and (f) summative.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits

Pre-requisites:
SPSY 5676|Minimum Grade of B|May be taken concurrently.

SPSY 8770. Seminar: Special Topics in School Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
Advanced seminar considering the literature in a specific area of school psychology research.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 8771. Social Psychology of Education. 3 Credit Hours.
Discussion of principles of social psychology as applied to the school as an institution. Emphasis on the psychology of planned educational change. Theoretical bases of the process of change and innovation within the schools. Rationale for intervention strategies
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 8772. Seminar: Role and Function of the School Psychologist. 3 Credit Hours.
Analysis of role and functions of school psychologists. Study of relevant research dealing with varied roles the school psychologist can play within the school system and in other settings. Consideration of legal and ethical practices in school psychology.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 8774. Professional Issues and Literature in School Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
Doctoral seminar in professional issues and the research literature in school psychology. Required for School Psychology Ph.D. students.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
SPSY 8775. Ethical and Legal Problems in School Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
Ethical and legal issues in the administration of individual tests, establishment of counseling relationships, handling of psychological records, and consultative relationships with school personnel, testifying in court and educational hearings. Licensing procedures discussed.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 8776. History and Systems of Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is for graduate students in training to become psychologists. It introduces students to the history of psychology and the theoretical schools of psychology practice. It is required for students in the School Psychology PhD program.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites:
SPSY 5676|Minimum Grade of B|May be taken concurrently.

SPSY 8777. Psychotherapeutic Strategies. 3 Credit Hours.
A study of the application of psychotherapeutic techniques, with an emphasis on group techniques, in the school setting.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

SPSY 8780. Topical Seminar in School Psychology. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Special topics of interest to the school psychologist. Topics may include therapeutic problems, school discipline problems, parenting and remediation strategies. Topics may vary.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 8787. Seminar on Verbal Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
Advanced course in applied behavior analysis with an emphasis on verbal behavior. Designed to provide students with an overview of verbal behavior (as defined in the field of applied behavior analysis) and an overview of its practical application in teaching language to children with diagnosed language delays.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
Pre-requisites:
SPSY 5676|Minimum Grade of B-|May not be taken concurrently.

SPSY 9487. Practicum in School Psychology. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
Practicum in School Psychology that is not included in one of the established practicum courses.
Field of Study Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Fields of study: School Psychology
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9587. School Consultation. 3 Credit Hours.
Extensive school practicum (practicum of 3 hours per week) consulting with teachers regarding behavior change, instructional consultation, and mental health consultation. Includes assessing treatment integrity.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9687. Clinical Supervision Seminar in School Psychology. 3 to 12 Credit Hours.
Case studies by the student in the Psychoeducational Clinic (taken concurrently) are reviewed in depth. Assessment, observations, interviews, diagnosis, educational identification, and remedial strategies are covered. Open only to matriculated school psychology students.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9688. Psychoeducational Clinic. 3 Credit Hours.
A practicum course providing supervised training in psychoeducational assessment and counseling of children with learning problems. Open only to matriculated school psychology students.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
SPSY 9787. Practicum on Children with Low Incidence Disabilities. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Supervised experience in schools or related settings assessing students with a variety of disabilities.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9788. Seminar on Children with Low Incidence Disabilities. 3 Credit Hours.
Training and supervision on special tests, rating scales, and observational assessment of children who are blind, deaf, or have disabilities such as mental retardation, autism, orthopedic disabilities, or multiple disabilities.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9786. Supervision in School Psychological Services. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will prepare school psychologists to conduct effective, ethical clinical supervision. Issues of administrative supervision and evaluation of school psychological services will also be addressed. Both theory and practice will be emphasized.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits
Pre-requisites:
(SPBY 8772|Minimum Grade of B-|May not be taken concurrently
AND SPSY 9687|Minimum Grade of B-|May not be taken concurrently).

SPSY 9895. Internship in School Psychology. 3 to 12 Credit Hours.
Supervised internship as a full-time school psychologist in an approved school system, intermediate unit, or consortium.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9885. Independent Study in School Psychology. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Intended to meet the needs of students in school psychology who desire to carry on an individual investigation.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9986. Internship in School Psychology. 1 to 12 Credit Hour.
Supervised internship as a school psychologist in an approved school system, intermediate unit, or consortium.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

SPSY 9999. Doctoral Dissertation. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Registration limited to candidates for the doctorate who have successfully completed the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree and the preliminary examination. Continuous registration during the fall and spring terms is required until the dissertation has been completed, successfully defended, and accepted by the Graduate School.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Student Attribute restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: Dissertation Writing Student, School Psy Clinical Clearance
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.