

MASTERS OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology and Counseling offers programs of study leading to the Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology and Educational Psychology. The Master of Science in Counseling Psychology provides options in (1) Counseling Psychology and (2) Marriage and Family. These options enable graduates to be eligible for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) credentials. The Master of Science degree in Educational Psychology provides options for the Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA) credential or a non-credentialing experimental psychology major that is offered online.

Students wishing to pursue a master's degree in Psychology must be admitted to the graduate Psychology program. Applicants must meet both graduate school admission requirements and program admission requirements. Students should have an undergraduate degree in Psychology or a related field such as social work, sociology, management, or human resources. A student whose undergraduate degree is in a field not closely related to Psychology may be required to take additional work.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology includes a core curriculum of 27 semester hours of study:

Core Requirements:	Hours
PSY 500, 501, 504, 505, 584	15
CPSY 550, 553, 557, 558	12

Additional requirements for options (in addition to core requirements):

Option A: Licensed Professional Counselor (Total hours: 48)

PSY 511, 581	6
CPSY 551, 554	6
from PSY 513, 582, CPSY 524, 556, 594, CNSL 559, 593	
CNSL, CPSY, or PSY elective	3

Option B: Marriage and Family (Total hours: 48)

CPSY 509, 510, 520, 524, 556, PSY21 513, 587	
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Mental Health certification may be obtained by taking additional hours of course work upon completion of the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology. Please consult your advisor for information about this certification.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Core Requirements:	Hours
PSY 500, 501, 504, 581	12

Requirements for options (in addition to core requirements):

Option A: Licensed Psychological Associate (Total hours: 45)

CPSY 550, 553, 554, 557, 558	15
PSY 505, 514, 580, 584	12
Electives from CNSL, CPSY, PSY	6

Option B: Experimental Psychology (Online) (Total hours: 36)

PSY 502, 503, 515, 516, 520, 521	18
PSY 588 (Thesis)	6

SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (S.S.P)

The School Psychology Program is dedicated to preparing graduates with expertise in the professional practice of School Psychology. Embracing a scientist-practitioner-scholar model, the program integrates knowledge, theory, practice, ethics, and research to develop competencies necessary for providing psychological services in schools, including but not limited to skills in assessment, intervention, and consultation. The program includes 60+ semester hours and an internship among its requirements for graduation and incorporates state requirements for licensure as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

The specialist degree reflects the fact that the training requirements for school psychologists go beyond that needed for a typical master's degree. Students should have an undergraduate or graduate degree in Psychology or a related field. Those who already possess a Master's degree such as diagnosticians, counselors, special education teachers, and school administrators, as well as other degreed professionals who are interested in school psychology, may also qualify for admission.

Students wishing to pursue a specialist degree in School Psychology must be admitted to the graduate Psychology program. Applicants must meet both graduate school admission requirements and program admission requirements.

Curriculum

The specialist in school psychology degree with a major in School Psychology consists of 63 (66 with optional thesis) semester hours of study as follows:

Required courses (63 hours)

PSY 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 48

511, 514, 515, 560,

580, 581, 582, 583, 595, 596

CPSY 553, 557, CPSY 558 or EDSP9

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EDAD 512 3

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY RETRAINING

A student who already possesses a master's or doctoral degree in Psychology and who does not wish to obtain an additional degree to meet the academic requirements for licensure as a School Psychologist (LSSP) may be admitted as a special non-degree-seeking student. The requisite curriculum will vary according to the previous graduate coursework of the student and the current requirements for licensure as a School Psychologist by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Procedures for admission to the School Psychology program as a non-degree-seeking student are the same as for a degree-seeking student.

A student without a master's or doctoral degree in Psychology must seek the degree to meet the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists requirements for licensure as a School Psychologist.