

# SPECIALIST DEGREE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

## Program Description

The Specialist Degree in School Psychology is designed to produce effective independent providers of psychological services within the schools. Completion of the degree program also prepares students for further graduate study and/or junior college teaching. This program is fully approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and graduates are eligible for licensure as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology in Texas and the Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential provided by NASP.

Graduates may also choose to seek licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) following a small amount of additional coursework and further supervised experience.

This degree program includes a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours, 56 of which are typically taken full-time and year round for two consecutive years, followed by an academic year of full-time internship experience (6 credit hours). Students will gain 300+ hours of practicum experience prior to the internship and are license eligible immediately upon graduation. Internship placements are competitive, but our program boasts a 100% intern employment rate, with most students acquiring paid internship placements.

## Admission

Applicants seeking admission to the school psychology program must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript(s) of all previous college work
4. Official GRE scores
5. Three letters of recommendation from faculty in the student's major at the undergraduate degree-granting institution
6. Personal statement

Applicants should have at least eighteen undergraduate hours of psychology which should include a course in research methods and a course in statistics. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.

## Degree Requirements

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#### Specified Courses

PSYC 5035	Special Problems in Psychology (System Organization, Administration and Change in School Settings)	3
PSYC 5330	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 5334	Thry & Rsch Psychotherapy II (Focus on Advanced Child Therapy)	3
PSYC 5334	Thry & Rsch Psychotherapy II (Focus on Multicultural Issues)	3
PSYC 5338	Consultation In School Psy	3
PSYC 5339	Advanced School Psychology	3
PSYC 5361	Neuropsychopharmacology	3
PSYC 5370	Academic Assmnt & Consultation	3
PSYC 5381	Advanced Learning Theory	3
PSYC 5387	Advanced Statistics	3
PSYC 5394	Psychometrics	3
PSYC 5395	Assmt Of Intellgnc & Achievmt	3
PSYC 5397	Adv Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 5398	Advanced Child Assessment	3
PSYC 6371	Internship in Psychology <sup>1</sup>	6
PSYC 6394	Practicum In Psychometrics	3
PSYC 6396	Practicum in School Psychology I	3
PSYC 6397	Practicum in School Psychology II	3

#### Electives

Select one graduate course in PSYC, COUN or EDAD in consultation with the Graduate Advisor	3
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Total Hours

60

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<sup>1</sup> PSYC 6371 is taken twice for 6 hours (PSYC 6371A and PSYC 6371B).