

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

***SPECIALIZATION IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY***

The Master of Science Degree  
The Education Specialist Degree

THE PROGRAM: Qualification for practice as a School Psychologist is accomplished in stages. First, students complete the Master of Science Degree. This degree provides the theoretical foundations for the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree which constitutes the second phase of preparation. The Ed.S. is an applied degree which the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has designated as the professional degree for the practice of school psychology. The course requirements for both the M.S. and the Ed.S. degrees appear below. Students are admitted directly to the Ed.S. program and earn the M.S. degree en route provided that an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) has been attained. Otherwise students are admitted to the M.S. program and must complete the degree with a 3.5 GPA for admission to the Ed.S. component of the program.

THE INTERNSHIP: A one-school year salaried internship in the state of Ohio is included in the Ed.S. Program and meets the requirements for school psychologist licensure in the State of Ohio. The program and internship also meet certification/licensure requirements in most other states. The State of Ohio requires interns to possess a Provisional or higher-grade teaching certificate valid in Ohio, or that they acquire knowledge about teaching and the mission of public schools by taking two education courses plus supervised observation in the schools. These courses and the observation experience are available as part of the program. The internship is obtained by the Coordinator of the School Psychology Training Program and supervised by experienced school psychologists on the faculty of the university. Students are placed in a school system which is approved by the state and which is judged by the School Psychology faculty to be best suited for the student. Ordinarily, students are not placed on internship in a school district where they have been employed as a teacher or in any other capacity. Acceptance of a salaried Ohio internship indicates the intention of the intern to accept an Ohio school psychology position for one year following internship. No student may secure his/her own intern placement.

SEQUENCE OF COURSES: The following sequence of courses will enable a student to complete the program in three years. Any substitution or transfer of a course or other deviation in the program must be approved in writing by the student's advisor and the Coordinator of the School Psychology program. The curriculum is subject to change due to on-going program development and changes in NASP training program requirements.

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

### YEAR 1

First Semester:

EDP 603	Theories of Human Learning	3 hrs
EDP 604	Role & Function of the School Psychologist	3 hrs
EDP 656	Education of Individuals with Exceptionalities	3 hrs
EDP 667	Behavioral Statistics	3 hrs
EDP 695	Supervised Public School Experience	<u>1 hr</u>
		13 hrs

Second Semester:

EDP 611	Assessment/Interventions I	5 hrs
EDP 662	Personality Theories, Measures & Techniques	3 hrs
EDP 635	Theories of Human Development	3 hrs
EDP 651	Educational Research	3 hrs
EDP 695	Supervised Public School Experience	<u>1 hr</u>
		15 hrs

Summer:

EDP 596	Theories, Principles & Techniques of Behavior Modification	3 hrs
EDP 652	Educational Research Practicum	3 hrs
EDP 658	Advanced Practicum in the Diagnostic-Prescriptive Teaching & Behavior Management	3 hrs
EDP 672	Counseling Theories & Issues	<u>3 hrs</u>
		12 hrs

### FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND AWARD OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE – 40 TOTAL HOURS

### YEAR 2

First Semester:

EDP 612	Assessment/Intervention II	5 hrs
EDP 666	Educational Community Psychology: Consulting And Interviewing	3 hrs
EDP 675	Group Counseling	3 hrs
EDP 620	Research Project	1 hr
EDP 695	Supervised Public School Experience	<u>1 hr</u>
		13 hrs

Second Semester:

EDP 650	Seminar in Special Education	3 hrs
EDP 654	Counseling Practicum	4 hrs
EDP 660	School Psychology Practicum	4 hrs
EDP 620	Research Project	1 hr
EDP 695	Supervised Public School Experience	<u>1 hr</u>
		13 hrs

Summer:		
EDP 800	Research Project I (Thesis)	6 hrs
	Elective	3 hrs

**YEAR 3**

First Semester:		
EDP 795	Ed.S. Internship for School Psychology	10 hrs
EDP 800	Research Project I (Thesis)	<u>2 hrs</u>
		12 hrs
Second Semester:		
EDP 796	Ed.S. Internship for School Psychology	10 hrs
EDP 800	Research Project II (Thesis)	<u>2 hrs</u>
		12 hrs

**FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND AWARD OF THE SPECIALIST DEGREE – 59 HOURS (99 TOTAL HOURS)**

Additional coursework for school psychology students who DO NOT HAVE AN OHIO TEACHER’S CERTIFICATE. In order to be eligible for licensure as a school psychologist in Ohio you must either hold an Ohio teaching certificate or complete an additional 6 semester hours of coursework as follows.

EDP 657	Educational Curricula & Strategies for Exceptional Individuals	3 hrs
EDL 618	Teacher Leadership	3 hrs

EDP 657 and EDL 618 (or comparable courses when 657 and 618 are not offered) are taken during the second summer in the program. The EDP 695 field experience hours also count toward this requirement for Ohio licensure.

Effective: Fall 2005