

GRADUATE

School Psychology

School of Education, Health and
Human Behavior
Department of Psychology

SIUE

EDWARDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 7



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School Psychology at SIUE

This program provides advanced academic and professional training for students pursuing a career in school psychology and leads to licensure as a school psychologist in the state of Illinois.

This program is designed for students who have completed the master's program in clinical child and school psychology at SIUE. Applicants interested in becoming a school psychologist should apply to the clinical child and school psychology program and pursue the school psychology track.

A number of unique strengths allow the school psychology program to stand out as a premier program.

- Ongoing partnerships with local school districts, Head Start, and other local agencies
- Breadth of training, including courses in prevention, psychotherapy, and crisis intervention
- One of very few programs in the nation to include a course on autism assessment and intervention
- SIUE hosts the Attention and Behavior Clinic (ABC) and the Comprehensive Autism Spectrum Evaluation Site (CASES), which are unique to the St. Louis region
- The program was established in 1970, and the specialist program in school psychology has been fully accredited by NASP since 1999
- Our students work closely with faculty to develop their own thesis
- The School Psychology program at SIUE is an award-winning program. In 2017, the program won the Outstanding School Psychology Awareness Week award from the National Association of School Psychologists. In 2022, SIUE school psychology graduate student Zoe Barnes won the Student Leadership Champion Award for her social justice leadership within the program, community, and profession

- The school psychology program ranks seventh nationally for scholarly production
 - *According to a recent analysis of publication productivity among school psychology faculty among all NASP-accredited, specialist-level programs (Laurent & Runia, 2016)*

Program Format

Program coursework is offered as traditional daytime courses.

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Specialist in School Psychology

Accreditation

This program has been fully approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) since 1999.



What can I do with a degree in school psychology?

Job prospects for students who complete the requirements for the specialist degree program in school psychology are excellent due to a nationwide shortage of school psychologists.

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Professional Credential Disclosure

This program is intended to prepare students for licensure/certification meeting educational requirements established by regulatory boards in the state of Illinois. Licensure/certification requirements can vary by state. If you intend to practice or teach inside or outside the state of Illinois, please visit siue.edu/consumer-disclosures.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School Application
- **Internal Applicants Only**

Applicants for the specialist in school psychology must have a grade of C or higher in all courses in the SIUE master's in clinical child and school psychology program, and must have also earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in that program. Applicants who wish to gain a specialist in school psychology degree should first complete the Master of Science in clinical child and school psychology. It should be noted that the school psychology track of the Master of Science and the specialist in school psychology together typically only take three years to complete, which is a similar amount of time compared to other school psychology degree programs.

Application Deadline

New students are admitted exclusively in the fall semester (which begins in late August). All application materials are due no later than January 15.

Graduation Requirements

Candidates for the specialist degree must submit a thesis proposal for approval by a thesis advisory committee, carry out the proposed thesis, submit a written report, complete an oral examination and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees

- 32
- Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information

Coursework

The specialist degree in school psychology requires a minimum of 32 hours beyond the Master of Science (MS)

- Required Courses (15 hours): PSYC 539, 544, 545, 584, 585
- Required Practicum (4 hours): PSYC 524
- Internship (10 hours): PSYC 596
- Thesis (3 hours): PSYC 599

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