

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, EDS

Banner Code: E1-EDS-SCH

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The EdS is the most widely recognized degree in School Psychology and the credential required for the hiring of school psychologists by most school systems. The 66 credit EdS in School Psychology comprises the curriculum and the 1,200-hour internship (i.e., the Master of Arts plus 30 credits).

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).

All applicants will be required to complete the graduate admissions requirements of CEHD:

- [Resume](#)
- Goals Statement
- Transcript
- [Two letters of recommendation](#)

In addition to these requirements for graduate admission, the EdS degree will require applicants to submit the following:

- Evidence (via transcript) of having taken 5 prerequisite undergraduate courses that cover the following topics: general psychology, statistics, research methods, abnormal psychology, and developmental psychology.
- Optional: General GRE. If submitted, the score must be no more than 5 years old.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 66-71

An overload is required in the fall and spring terms of students' first year.

Students admitted to the EdS program without a master's degree in School Psychology must earn the Master of Arts (MA) degree in Psychology, concentration in School Psychology concurrently within the EdS degree program. The first 36 credits of the EdS program's plan of study fulfill the MA degree requirements.

Master of Arts Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
The following 36 credits of coursework will apply to the Master of Arts (MA) degree in Psychology, concentration in School Psychology:		
SPSY 722	Advanced Child Assessment	4
EDCD 603	Counseling Theories and Practice	3
EDRD 629	Literacy Foundations and Instruction for School Psychologists	3
SPSY 619	Consultation and Applied Behavioral Analysis	3
SPSY 671	Role and Function of the School Psychologist	3
SPSY 672	Schools as Systems Practicum in School Psychology	3
SPSY 709	Cognitive Assessment	4
SPSY 617	Child Psychopathology	3
SPSY 710	Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Assessment	4
SPSY 750	Cognitive Assessment Practicum	3
SPSY 773	Prevention, Intervention, and Consultation in Schools	3
Total Credits		36

Required Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
EDCD 525	Advanced Human Growth and Development	3
Select one course from the following:		3-4
EDCD 606	Counseling Children and Adolescents	
EDCD 608	Group Processes and Analyses	
SPSY 692	Counseling in the Schools	
EDRS 590	Education Research	3
EDRS 620	Quantitative Inquiry in Education	3
SPSY 753	Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice in Schools	3
Total Credits		15-16

Experiential Learning

Code	Title	Credits
SPSY 751	Advanced Assessment Practicum in School Psychology I	3
SPSY 752	Advanced Assessment Practicum in School Psychology II	3
SPSY 775	Prevention Intervention Consultation Practicum	3
6 or 10 Internship credits of:		6 or 10
SPSY 790	School Psychology Internship ¹	
Total Credits		15-19

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Students must register for at least 3 credits in two semesters.

Plan of Study

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First Year

Summer Semester	Credits	Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPSY 722	4	SPSY 619	3	SPSY 617	3
EDCD 603	3	SPSY 671	3	SPSY 710	4
EDRD 629	3	SPSY 672	3	SPSY 750	3
MA to be awarded here at 36 hours		SPSY 709	4	SPSY 773	3
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				13	

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPSY 751	3	SPSY 692	3
SPSY 775	3	SPSY 752	3
EDCD 525 or SPSY 597	3	SPSY 753	3
EDRS 590	3	EDRS 620	3
		12	
		12	

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
SPSY 790	3-5	SPSY 790	3-5
		EdS to be awarded here at 66 hours	
		3-5	
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Total Credits 66-70