

CWU Education Specialist in School Psychology – Summer Cohort

In order to help address the severe shortage of school psychologists in the state of Washington, the CWU Department of Psychology is proposing to offer a Summer Cohort School Psychology Graduate Program for practicing school professionals and individuals with previously earned master's degrees. Pending final university approval, the first cohort will begin in Summer 2017. Additional information about the Psychology Department at CWU is available at <http://www.cwu.edu/psychology/>. Potential applicants are encouraged to view the Ed.S. School Psychology program webpage at <http://www.cwu.edu/psychology/school-psychology-program-home> to learn more about program details, training philosophy, and faculty. In addition to the Summer Cohort, the School Psychology program at CWU also offers a traditional program in Ellensburg, which requires two years of full-time, on-campus graduate coursework and a one-year internship.

Summer Cohort Program Description

The proposed CWU Ed.S. School Psychology Summer Cohort graduate program is a four-year graduate program designed to lead to ESA certification as a school psychologist in the state of Washington. National Certification (NCSP) through the National Association of School Psychologists may also be awarded, pending final approval from NASP. The course of study is equivalent to the on-campus, full-time residency, NASP-Approved Ed.S. program on the Ellensburg campus.

The program is structured to allow professionals employed in the public schools to pursue the Education Staff Associate (ESA) School Psychologist certification while retaining their full-time position in the schools. The program may also accommodate individuals with a previously earned master's degree who are not currently working in a school position but who desire a summer program. Coursework for the Summer Cohort is taken in the summer on the CWU campus in Ellensburg (in-person courses) and online or by distance education during the academic year. The CWU Summer session typically begins in early June and runs through early August. During the academic year, online courses will accommodate students as they continue in their professional position in a school district. Please see the course of study below for the 3-year sequence of courses and 4th year internship.

Application Information

For admission to the program, applicants must have a master's degree (or higher) in a related field OR have a bachelor's degree and be employed in a professional position in a school system and have at least 3 years of post-bachelor's work experience. The prerequisites for the program include bachelor's level statistics courses equivalent to the CWU courses PSY362 Introductory Statistics and PSY363 Intermediate Statistics. Applicants may be admitted without this coursework, although it is strongly advised that applicants have at least one undergraduate statistics course. If applicants do not have coursework in statistics, the coursework would be included as a part of the course of study for completion of the degree. PSY362 is typically offered online while PSY363 Intermediate Statistics is currently only offered on-campus in Ellensburg during the summer.

Other application requirements include:

- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate work completed
- Official scores for the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants who have an earned graduate degree at the time of application do not need to submit GRE scores. To sign up to take the GRE please see <https://www.ets.org/gre/>.
- Three letters of reference
- A personal statement that identifies the applicant's interest in pursuing graduate study in School Psychology
- A letter of support from the applicant's employing school district indicating the district will support the applicant by allowing time for practicum activities during the academic year (5-8 hours per week) and provide on-site supervision by a credentialed school psychologist. If districts are unable to provide supervision, alternate arrangements may be made in coordination with the school psychology program.

TO APPLY:

All applications will be processed through the School of Graduate Studies and Research at CWU. Please see their webpage at <http://www.cwu.edu/masters/> for additional information. Submit all application materials in accordance with instructions on the CWU School of Graduate Studies website at <http://www.cwu.edu/masters/apply-cwu-graduate-school>. **Those applying to the Summer Cohort should mark "SUMMER" as the first quarter of attendance on their applications.**

Additional Information

For additional information, please contact Dr. Heath Marrs, Director of the School Psychology Program, at marrsh@cwu.edu or 509 963-2391.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Education Specialist (EdS) degree?

The EdS degree in School Psychology is an advanced professional graduate degree that resides between a masters and a doctorate degree in terms of credits required, typically requiring 2 years of full-time study and a 1 year internship. Specialist-level training is the minimum level of education required for National Certification as a school psychologist and for state certification in the state of Washington.

Can previously earned graduate credits count towards the EdS in School Psychology?

Pending final university approval, the program may count up to 20 quarter units of graduate credit earned as a part of a master's degree towards the EdS degree. The courses must be equivalent to the content of the courses in the EdS course of study as determined by the School Psychology Graduate Program Committee.

How can practicum requirements be completed while remaining employed full-time?

The program is designed to be a partnership between the School Psychology program and the host school district. Practicum experiences (approximately 300 hours) are spread over three academic years in the program, with students completing about 5-8 hours of experiences per week. Although some experiences can be completed outside the regular school day, most will require work in a K-12 setting during the day. Students in the program will need to make arrangements with their employing district to allow for practicum experiences. Practicum experiences will be supervised both by a university faculty supervisor and an in-district school psychologist.

Foundation Professional Knowledge and Skill Development		
	YEAR 1	Units
Summer 1 (In Ellensburg)	PSY 501, Professional Seminar in School Psychology	3
	PSY 556, Academic Assessment	5
	**PSY 577 Interviewing Skills for School Psychologists (if needed)	4
	OR Elective OR PSY363 Intermediate Statistics (if needed)	
Fall 1	ONLINE PSY 560, Theories and Practice of Counseling	4
	PSY 592A Practicum	1
Winter 1	ONLINE EDSE 512, Educational Rights of Individuals with Disabilities	3
	PSY 592A Practicum	1
Spring 1	ONLINE PSY555, Design and Statistical Analysis for Applied Research	4
	PSY595 Directed Research (School Psychology Research Team)	1
	YEAR 2	
Summer 2 (In Ellensburg)	PSY 564, Intellectual Assessment	5
	PSY 584, Behavior Disorders and Psychopathology	4
	PSY 554, Behavioral Assessment and Observation	4
	ONLINE PSY 552, Human Growth and Development, Advanced	3
Fall 2	ONLINE PSY551, Applied Behavior Analysis	4
	PSY592A Practicum	1
Winter 2	ONLINE PSY 557, Behavioral Interventions	3
Spring 2	ONLINE PSY 525, Psychology of Reading	3
	PSY595 Directed Research (School Psych Research Team)	2
Advanced Skill Development and Application		
	Year 3	
Summer 3 (In Ellensburg)	PSY 566, Behavioral and Social-Emotional Assessment	5
	PSY 567, Counseling and Assessment: Children and Adolescents	4
	PSY 592B, Practicum in School Psychology	1
Fall 3	ONLINE PSY 559, Advanced Educational Psychology	4
	PSY 592B Practicum in School Psychology	1
Winter 3	PSY 592B Practicum in School Psychology	1
	ONLINE Elective	3
Spring 3	HYBRID* PSY 583, Consultation	3
	PSY592B Practicum in School Psychology	1
Summer 4 (In Ellensburg)	PSY 574, Multicultural Counseling	4
	PSY 575, School-Based Interventions	4
	PSY 578, Applied Clinical Neuroscience	4
	YEAR 4 Internship	
Full Academic Year	PSY 683, School Psychology Internship	12
Total Credits Required		102

*****Course of Study Pending Final University Approval*****

*Hybrid courses will require occasional travel to the CWU campus in Ellensburg