ED.S. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Become an advocate for students.

Do you like helping people and want to make a real difference in the lives of others? All children and adolescents face problems from time to time and some struggle to overcome serious problems. A school psychology degree from William & Mary will give you the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to provide students with the resources they need to overcome challenges and succeed.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People interested in becoming licensed and certified school psychologists

Prerequisite: Bachelor’s degree in psychology or related field

Course requirements: Full-time, on-campus program typically completed in three years. Students finish with both an M.Ed. and Ed.S. in School Psychology

Entry term: Fall

Fieldwork: 6-credit practicum followed by a 1,200-hour internship with at least 600 hours in a school setting

FIELD EXPERIENCES

Real-world training opportunities are integrated into the program from students’ first semester on campus:

Practicum: While completing the first year, students complete a year-long practicum that enables them to gain practical experience in the role of school psychologist while under supervision of both professionals in the workplace and William & Mary faculty.

Internship: In the final year of their Ed.S. program, students complete a full-time internship in a partner school. Interns are able to integrate their new knowledge and applied skills while working with children, families and school personnel. Both W&M faculty and professional colleagues in the school provide supervision, feedback and evaluation.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

SEMESTER ONE (Fall – 16 credits)
  • Psychological & educational measurement
  • Psycho-educational assessment
  • Instructional design for students with disabilities

SEMESTER TWO (Spring – 16 credits)
  • Characteristics and accommodations for students with disabilities
  • Advanced educational psychology
  • Neuropsychological bases of behavior

SEMESTER THREE (Fall – 15 credits)
  • Child counseling theories and strategies
  • Developmental Psychopathology
  • Practicum in school psychology

SEMESTER FOUR (Spring – 12 credits)
  • Consultation in schools
  • Prevention and intervention in schools
  • Practicum in school psychology

SEMESTERS FIVE & SIX (Fall & Spring – 6 credits per semester)
  • Internship in school psychology

LEARN MORE

Questions about the School Psychology program? Contact the program director:
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Questions about applying for admission?
Contact an admissions representative:
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In today’s ever-changing world, there is an increased need for counselors and school psychologists who can guide others through personal and interpersonal growth during all phases of life focusing on emotional, social, vocational, educational, developmental, and mental health concerns.

William & Mary’s department of School Psychology & Counselor Education is preparing tomorrow’s leaders by providing degree programs that offer rigorous curriculum, innovative research on current trends and hands-on experience. Through the integration of theory, research and practice, and with sensitivity to multicultural concerns, students learn to help others improve their well-being, alleviate distress and resolve crises.

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

**ON-CAMPUS:**
- M.Ed. – Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - Optional specializations:
    - Addictions Counseling
    - Couples, Marriage and Family Counseling
    - Military & Veterans Counseling
- M.Ed. – School Counseling
- Ed.S. – School Psychology
- Ph.D. – Counselor Education

**ONLINE:**
- M.Ed. – Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - Optional specialization:
    - Military & Veterans Counseling
- M.Ed. – School Counseling

**APPLY NOW**

Application deadlines vary by program. Visit our website for more details.

Learn more about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

**WHY W&M?**

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

**A welcoming and supportive community**
With just over 650 students, the School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You’ll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

**A focus on leadership in education**
Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

**A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg**
Study at a campus that offers more than 300 years of history and countless beloved traditions.

**Professors who are leaders in the field**
Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They’re passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

**Field experiences that will change your life**
You won’t be stuck in a lecture hall and you won’t have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

**Programs for students at every career stage**
Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor’s or master’s degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.