

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (ED.S.) IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

A school psychologist makes a difference in children's lives by supporting students' academic success and mental health. Working closely with teachers, administrators, and families, they assess students' needs and provide evidence-based interventions to help children thrive.

This interdisciplinary graduate degree blends education and psychology and gives graduate students the tools to help K-12 students who are struggling academically, socially, behaviorally, or emotionally.

School Psychology at Alverno

This program, which launched in Fall 2018, is fully accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists and has Wisconsin DPI approval. The three-year program includes two degrees in one. You will first complete a 30-credit Master of Science in Educational Psychology, which counts toward the more advanced 60-credit Educational Specialist degree. Once you complete the Educational Specialist degree, you will be eligible to become a licensed school psychologist in Wisconsin.

Courses are typically offered on Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday (every other week). The program offers in-person courses, but these courses can also be completed synchronously online. However, there is one day of required in-person residency in August, prior to students starting the program.

On-the-ground training

Alverno's school psychology faculty members bring a wealth of real world experience working as administrators, school psychologists, and clinical psychologists. Alverno students gain experience applying their skills and knowledge in field work supervised by practicing school psychologists. During the second year of the program, school psychology students spend an average of two days per week at a K-12 school gaining practicum experience, and spend their third year working full time as a paid school psychology intern.

Get involved

Alverno school psychology students can connect with fellow students by joining the Alverno chapter of the School Psychology Student Association. They can also get involved by becoming a student member of the National Association of School Psychologists and the Wisconsin School Psychologists Association.

Practicum Placements for School Psychology Students

Alverno offers a wide network of placements for students who are interested in becoming school psychologists. The program is connected to more than 150 private and public schools throughout the metro Milwaukee area and beyond, and students complete their practica and internships at a variety of urban, suburban, and rural schools.

How you can use your degree

This degree allows you to make a difference, while earning a competitive salary. School psychologists are in such demand that many Wisconsin school districts can't fill all their openings. Plus, U.S. News & World Report has often ranked this profession among the best social service jobs, with a national median salary over \$70,000. Most school

psychologists work in public K-12 school districts, though some work in private schools, charter schools, juvenile justice programs, universities, and private practice. Some school psychologists eventually take on related administrative roles.

Are you a practicing School Psychologist and looking for additional training?

Alverno College offers a one-year online certificate program for practicing School Psychologists in Multicultural and Multilingual School Psychology (MMSP). Please see this page for additional information Multicultural & Multilingual School Psychology (MMSP) Certificate | Alverno College (<https://www.alverno.edu/our-programs/mmssp/>).

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
School Psychology (MSED) Requirements		
SPY-601	Orient to School Psychology	0
SPY-600	Prof Issues & Ethics /School Psychology	3
SPY-630	Culturally Respon Intellectual Assessmnt	3
SPY-648	Academic Assessmnt & Progress Monitoring	3
MCP-651	Research, Evaluation & Statistics Method	3
MCP-620	Helping Rel: Prevention, Intervnt & Syst	3
SPY-645	Behav, Soc, Emot Assmnt &inter	3
SPY-615	Charctst of Lrnrs W/Disablts	3
SPY-655	Clin Mental Hlth Couns/Chld& Adol	3
SPY-647	Prevent & Crisis Intervention in Schools	3
SPY-620	Prac: SPY With Multilingual Students	3
Ed Specialist (EdS) Requirements		
SPY-698	Practicum 1: School Psychology	3
SPY-650	Adv Assess Multiling Learners	3
SPY-690	Consult & Collabor W/Teachers & Families	3
SPY-699	Practicum 2: School Psychology	3
SPY-670	Applied Resrch & Evidence Based Practice	3
SPY-660	Apply MTSS/Addr Acad&Beh Issues	3
AL-666	Leadership for School & Community Engage	3
SPY-640	Counseling Multilingual and Multicultura	3
SPY-700	Internship 1: School Psychology	3
SPY-720	Internship 2: School Psychology	3
Total Credits		60