



School Psychology

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SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

What Do School Psychologists Do?

School Psychologists help children succeed in all aspects of life (academically, socially, emotionally, & behaviorally) and assist in creating supportive learning environments.

Children face everyday problems as well as serious societal issues. School Psychologists work with students, teachers, parents, and the community to address concerns, provide resources, and support to ensure all students thrive.

Job Responsibilities

Consultation

Collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to find effective solutions to learning and behavior problems

Intervention

Provide psychological counseling and help manage crises

Research and Planning

Use evidence-based research to develop effective interventions

Evaluate the effectiveness of academic and behavior management programs

Evaluation

Evaluate learning environments, academic skills, learning aptitude, and eligibility for special education services

Prevention

Design programs to promote student success

Essential SP Skills:

- Intellectual and scientific curiosity
- Interpersonal and social skills
- Effective communication skills
- Desire to assist and support ALL children
- Leadership skills
- Understanding and respect for diversity
- Adaptability, organization, and responsibility

Overall Benefits:

Job Stability

There is an immense shortage of school psychologists throughout the country.

Summers

Many school psychologists enjoy traveling during the summer or spending time with their families.

Salary

25th Percentile
\$60,500

Average salary of a School Psychologist:
\$83,225

75th Percentile
\$100,000

Recent Events in EIU School Psychology!

Academic Intervention Clinic

This is our 3rd year offering a 10-week Academic Intervention (AI) clinic and our **1st year offering it VIRTUALLY!!** Second-year, School Psychology students run the AI clinic during the fall semester.



Intern/Intern-Supervisor Conference

On September 11th, current third-year intern students **VIRTUALLY** attended the annual Intern/Intern-Supervisor Conference.

Kathleen Hirshman provided the keynote, "COVID-19 and the Role of School Psychologists."



Upcoming EIU Intern Conference

November 6th, 2020

Current EIU School Psychology Interns will virtually share their intern experiences with first and second-year students.

How to Prepare for Graduate School at EIU

Required Undergraduate Prerequisites

- Intro/General Psychology
- Research Methods
- Statistical Methods
- Child Psychology/Human Development
- Abnormal Psychology
- Psychology of Learning/Behavior Management

The following courses are highly recommended:

- Adolescent Psychology
- Physiological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Psychology of Exceptional Children
- Psychological Measurement

WHY CHOOSE EIU FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

OUR PROGRAM HOLDS A 100% PLACEMENT RATE
WITH ALL OF OUR STUDENTS
FINDING JOBS DIRECTLY AFTER GRADUATION.

Perks

Financial Support! – 80% of students receive graduate assistantships

Students & Opportunities

Conduct research

3 semesters of **practical, real-world training** and experiences in a school setting

Take classes with your cohort (a **close group of peers** that become “like family”)

Mentorship (first-year students have a second-year mentor who is there when you need support, advice, or a friend!)

Student Association of School Psychologists

SASPE (our **student association**) assists with making differences in the field and advocating for important topics.

Leadership

Our students hold positions within our state association, the Illinois School Psychology Association (ISPA)

APPLY NOW!

(apply to the graduate school, then to the school psychology program):

<https://www.eiu.edu/schoolpsych/apply.php>



Application Deadline:

January 1st, 2021

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DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

“The School Psychology Program at Eastern Illinois University is exceptional and unparalleled. This program exceeded my expectations and set a strong foundation for me to become a knowledgeable school psychologist that utilizes best practices and culturally responsive services to effectively serve children, families, and communities. EIU has a community feel and endless support from peers and faculty alike. The professors at Eastern fostered my research interests, exposed me to diverse learning opportunities, and rigorously prepared me to continue my education in a Ph.D. program. The knowledge, practical skills, and mentorship I received at EIU is unmatched. I never thought going on to get my Ph.D. would be a possibility, but my experience at EIU made this dream a reality. I am confident that without the EIU School Psychology program and faculty, I would not be the well-rounded student and professional that I am today.”

- Morgan Eldridge (2017)



“I am so glad that I chose EIU for my graduate training in School Psychology. The program aligns with the standards of practice set by the National Association of School Psychologists, making national certification a streamlined process. The program is rigorous, but the faculty was highly supportive and invested in my development as a professional. The program offered many learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. In addition to the high quality of the program, it was an excellent value with several graduate assistantships being offered and no trouble finding a position upon completion. After finishing my first year in the field, I know that my time at EIU thoroughly prepared me to be an effective school psychologist.”

-Kari Meyer (2017)





Differences in School Professionals

School Counselor:

2 years of grad school

Trained in teaching and education

Work in one school (at the HS level)

Teaching degree required sometimes

Academic advising, social-emotional, college/career

Clinical-Child Psychologists:

Not trained in education, classroom management, or instruction

Work in hospitals, private clinic, mental health centers, or university setting

School Social Workers:

Bridging the gap between home and school

Address social-emotional concerns

Collaboration is key in educating the child

School Psychologists:

3 years of grad school

Trained in **education** and **psychology**

Focus on **impact** of social emotional issues, family problems, mental illness and neurological factors **on learning**

Assessment, prevention, intervention, and consultation

Meet our First Year Cohort!



Pictured: Danielle Buechlein, Cristen Rozek, Emily Novak, Taylor Daniels, Macey Wienstroer, Monica Cho, and Austin Dye



The "Buzz" Around School Psychology at EIU

SACIS Take Back the Day 5K

September 28th, 2019

Some of our first- and second-year students participated in the Sexual Assault Counseling & Information Services (SACIS) Take Back the Day 5K Run/Walk!



2020 ISPA Conference!

Students attended the annual Illinois School Psychology Association Conference in Springfield, IL this past February. Students attended presentations covering a variety of topics such as promoting educator wellness, assessing self-injurious behavior, and ethics and test interpretation. The students were also given an opportunity to present their own work!



BOOK DRIVE



2019 SASPE Book Drive!

The Student Association of School Psychologists at Eastern conducted a Book Drive this past October to benefit the community! Over 370 books were collected and distributed to Mark Twain Elementary School, a local Kindergarten Center, and HOPE of East Central Illinois. SASPE is proud to serve the community and continue to help teach others about the role of a school psychologist and the importance of reading for development and overall academic success!



Even babies ❤️ us!

