MASTER OF SCIENCE IN

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

EDUCATION/EDUCATION SPECIALIST (Ed.S.)

"I chose school psychology because it merged almost all my areas of interest into one profession. First, it involved education by working directly with children and adolescents in the school setting. It used psychology and research to understand, support, and improve students' success. And it also used aspects of intersectionality and sociology by encouraging the involvement of systems-level work and the advocacy of equitable school policies and practices. All in all, school psychology offered me the ability to be one of the individuals who play a role in helping a student see and unlock their full potential." *Shearrydnise Rosa*

The School Psychology Program at the

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater prepares students to fill a vital role in schools to act as an advocate for the students. You will also serve as a valuable asset for teachers, administrators, and parents. The School Psychology program at UW-Whitewater is a NASP-accredited program that is dedicated to preparing professional practitioners, and will offer you the education and experiences necessary to begin you career on solid footing.

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School of Graduate Studies

COURSE OF STUDY

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The following courses are listed in the sequence in which they must be taken by all students. These courses are offered on a semester basis. All students are expected to earn both degrees.

MASTER'S DEGREE SEQUENCE (YEAR 1)

Summer I

READING 764 Foundations of Reading 3 cr

EDFOUND 710 Education in a Pluralistic Society 3 cr

Fall

Psych 620 Foundations of Professional School Psychology 3 cr

Psych 715 Research Design & Program Assessment 3 cr

Psych 740 Assessment I - Achievement and Progress Monitoring 3 cr

Psych 746 Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence 3 cr

Psych 792 Field Placement in School Psychology 1 cr

Spring

Psych 724 Learning in Educational Contexts 3 cr

Psych 745 Assessment III - Intellectual Functioning 3 cr

Psych 770 Assessment II - Personality and Behavior 3 cr

Psych 785 Advanced Child Development 3 cr

Psych 792 Field Placement in School Psychology 1 cr

***Alternative directed elective:

Psych. 799 Thesis Research 1 - 6

Note: Master's degree awarded upon successful thesis defense or successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

EDUCTION SPECIALIST DEGREE (Ed.S.) SEQUENCE (YEAR 2 AND 3)

Summer II

Psych 680 School Violence and Crisis Management 3 cr

Psych 755 Counseling Skills & Theory for School Psychology 3 cr

Psych 762 Academic Interventions 3 cr

Psych 768 Behavior Therapy in the School 3 cr

Fall

Psych 793 Practicum in School Psychology including Seminar 6 cr

Psych 769 Consultation and Prevention 3 cr

Psych 797 Specialist Project Research 1 cr

Speed 700 Theoretical Foundations in Special Ed. 3 cr

Spring

Psych 793 Practicum in School Psychology including Seminar: Cultural Issues in the Schools 6 cr

Psych 766 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Children and Adolescents 3 cr

Psych 787 Social Context and Diversity in the School Setting 3 cr

Psych 797 Specialist Project Research 1 cr

Fall

Psych 795 Internship in School Psychology 3 cr

Spring

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Note: Upon completion of all Program requirements, including internship, portfolio review, Specialist Project, and the successful completion of the ETS Praxis-II Exam in School Psychology, students receive the Education Specialist Degree and may apply for the Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential.