

MEd in Educational Psychology

The MEd in Educational Psychology program has been designed to give the interested student a broad understanding of theory in the areas of education and psychology. The student will understand the application of education and psychology to help children, adolescents, teachers, and families. The program may be of interest to those planning to pursue certification in school psychology after the master's degree, those wishing to broaden their understanding of human development and learning, and those wishing to learn more about empirically based approaches or evidence based practices. Respect for diversity among individuals, groups, and communities is emphasized throughout the curriculum. The goal of the program is to help each student to identify and apply his/her unique talents and understand how to utilize a problem-solving, data based approach for working with PK-12 students, teachers, and families. The application of empirically supported approaches to assist all children in achieving academic success, social competence, and emotional and physical health is valued by the program.

It is important to point out that there is no license or certification for working with students and families as part of this program. **The MEd in Educational Psychology program is a degree only program and is NOT the School Psychology Certification program.**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES

- Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the "Applying to Graduate School" link on the left side of the screen.
- Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "account" link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:
 1. Complete the online application.
 2. Pay an application fee of \$30.
 3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
 4. Minimum 3.0 GPA for junior and senior year of bachelor's degree.
 5. Three letters of reference.
 6. Professional resume.
 7. Submit an essay (1-2 pages) answering the following questions:
 - a. What attracted you to the field of educational/school psychology?
 - b. What attributes do you possess that will enable you to succeed as a graduate student and ultimately as a practitioner?
 - c. What are your professional goals?

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The master's degree in Educational Psychology will be awarded to candidates who satisfactorily complete the previously described curricula, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better for the credits earned as part of the program and satisfactorily complete the comprehensive examination.

Comprehensive Examination. All students must take the written comprehensive examination and receive a score of 70% correct or higher. The Educational Psychology comprehensive examination is available online. Students must contact the program head and request to take the examination. Requests can be made by phone (814 732-1099) or by e-mail (esnyder@edinboro.edu). The exam should be taken during the last semester before graduation. Once the request for taking the comprehensive exam is approved, student will find access to the examination via D2L.

The comprehensive exam covers 5 key courses (APSY 625, APSY 720, APSY 727, APSY 789, and APSY 796). There are 25 questions related to each course. The format of the exam is multiple-choice for questions. Students have 2 hours to complete the examination. To pass the examination, students must receive a cumulative percentage of correct responses at 70% or higher. If a student fails to pass the exam, they must discuss the results of the exam with the program head. They may be allowed to retake a second version of the exam after discussion with the program head. Students will be notified of their results immediately after taking the online exam.

CURRICULUM

Required Courses (21 credits)

APSY 625 Collaborative Consultation in Educational Settings
APSY 720 Learning Theories
APSY 727 Psychoeducational Counseling and Interviewing
APSY/SPED 788 Research in Education I

APSY 789 Research II: Seminar in Educational and Psychological Research
APSY 796 Crisis Management and Violence Prevention in Schools
SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities

Elective Courses (9 credits; 6 with APSY or SPED prefix)

APSY 721 Cultural, Social, and Biological Bases of Personality Development
APSY 724 Psychoeducational Assessment of Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities
APSY 781 Statistical Methods in Education
COUN 712 Human Development across the Lifespan

READ 706 Foundations of Literacy
SPED 628 Classroom and School-wide Behavior Management Strategies for Inclusive Settings
SPED 720 Advanced Assessment in Special Education
SPED 750 Behavior Disorders and Positive Behavior Supports

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

For questions specific to the MEd in Educational Psychology, please contact Dr. Edward Snyder at (814) 732-1099 or esnyder@edinboro.edu.

Office for Accessibility Services: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Accessibility Services (OAS), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OAS web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the **employer tuition reimbursement agreement** is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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