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Program Format

The program is offered on the main campus in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in a face-to-face format. All candidates must complete a minimum of at least two of the three years of residency within the program to be eligible for the doctoral degree. Completion of the program is expected to occur in four years; however, candidates are required to complete the program within seven years. In order to maintain enrollment in the Psy.D. program, the candidate must be registered continuously until all program requirements are met.

Required for Degree: 118 Total Credits. [View Course Descriptions](#)

Psychological Foundations (25.5 credits)

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
PSY 8100	Development: Child and Adolescent	1.5
PSY 8105	Development: Adult and Older Adult	1.5
PSY 8110	Psychology of Exceptional and At-Risk Children	3
PSY 8115	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	3
PSY 8117	Adult Psychopathology	1.5
PSY 8120	Cognitive/Affective Aspects of Behavior	3
PSY 8125	History & Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 8220	Psychobiology	3
PSY 8225	Social Aspects of Behavior	3
PSY 8305	Social and Cultural Bases of Assessment and Counseling	3

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
PSY 8135	Organization and Operation of Schools	3
PSY 8230	Instructional Strategies for Students with Diverse Learning Needs	3
RED 0550	Foundations of Reading for the Content Area Specialist	3

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
PSY 4442	Evidence-Based Treatment of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Children and Adolescents	3

PSY 8150	Counseling Theories and Techniques	3
PSY 8165	Applied Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	3
PSY 8255	School Consultation Skills	3
PSY 8360	Contemporary Clinical Interventions for the School Psychologist	3

COURSE NO. COURSE NAME CREDITS

PSY 8190	Practicum in School Psychology: Foundations I (160 practicum hours + 30 hour Seminar)	2
PSY 8270	Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues for School Psychologists	3
PSY 8350	Advanced Professional Skills: Supervision, Administration & Teaching with Practicum	3

COURSE NO. COURSE NAME CREDITS

PSY 8182	Cognitive Assessment I: Theory, Research, & Practice with Lab	4
PSY 8184	Cognitive Assessment II: Linking Assessment to Intervention	3
PSY 8280	Academic Assessment for Intervention	3
PSY 8286	Assessment of Personality and Social-emotional Functioning for Intervention	3
PSY 8292	Comprehensive Data-Based Assessment: Integrated Report	3

COURSE NO. COURSE NAME CREDITS

PSY 8140	Intermediate Statistics with Lab	3
PSY 8145	Issues & Techniques in Research Design and Evaluation	3
PSY 8147	Theories of Measurement	3
PSY 8206	Directed Study	1.5

COURSE NO. COURSE NAME CREDITS

PSY 8195	Practicum in School Psychology: Foundations II (160 hours)	2
PSY 8197	Practicum in School Psychology: Foundations III (160 hours)	2
PSY 8290	Practicum in School Psychology: School-Based I (225 hours)	3

PSY 8295	Practicum in School Psychology: School-Based II (225 hours)	3
PSY 8390	Practicum in School Psychology: Advanced Assessment and Interventions I (240 hours)	3
PSY 8392	Practicum in School Psychology: Advanced Assessment and Interventions II (240 hours)	3
PSY 8394 (240 hours)	Practicum in School Psychology: Advanced Assessment and Interventions III	3
PSY 8400	Internship (2000 hours)	6

COURSE NAME	CREDITS
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Elective I	3
Elective II	3
Elective III	3

Additional Information

En Route Master of Science in Psychology

Candidates enrolled in the Psy.D. program in school psychology may earn as an intermediate degree, the master of science in psychology. The curriculum for this degree consists of all courses (or their equivalents) including practicum and supervision in the first two years of the model doctoral curriculum (minimum of 73 credit hours). Courses transferred into Nova Southeastern University's doctoral program do not count toward this degree.

Graduates with this degree will not have met the educational requirements for certification or licensure in the State of Florida and should not expect to provide psychological services as an independent practitioner. Rather, this degree should be utilized by the Psy.D. candidate to demonstrate master's level achievement in psychology or to qualify for a master's level of employment. Candidates completing the above requirements may complete a degree application form and pay the required fee; however, they may not participate in the master's graduation ceremony.

En-Route Specialist Degree in School Psychology

Candidates admitted to and enrolled in the Psy.D. program in school psychology who have completed 73 credit hours in the Specialist Program in School Psychology (Psy.S.) at Nova Southeastern University may earn, as an intermediate degree, the specialist degree in school psychology. The curriculum for this degree consists of all courses (or their equivalents), additional requirements as listed in the Specialist Program in School Psychology Policies and Procedures Handbook, and the successful completion of six (6) school psychology internship credits and a minimum of 1200 hours in a PK-12 school setting.

Graduate Requirements

Candidates are admitted to the Doctor of Psychology program in School Psychology annually, with cohorts beginning in the fall semester. All candidates are expected to complete their doctoral

program and graduate within seven years from the date of first enrollment. Candidates must complete the 118 credits of graduate curriculum, which includes applied practicum experiences, the Directed Study, and a doctoral internship. In addition, candidates are required to sit for and to pass Florida Teacher Certification Examination – Subject Area Test in School Psychology and the Praxis II School Psychologist Test (5402) (A passing score of 147 is required for graduation).

Credentialing

School psychologists holding the doctoral degree in psychology are eligible for licensure as a psychologist. Requirements include a doctoral degree in psychology; supervised experience which includes a doctoral internship and a post-doctoral residency; a passing score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP); and completion of specific requirements designated within each state. Licensure allows for employment in private practice, hospitals, and community agencies.

Florida is one of approximately 10 states that credentials school psychologists for independent practice who hold the specialist degree (or its equivalent). Licensure requirements include three years of supervised experience as a school psychologist and a passing score of 147 on the Praxis II School Psychologist Test (5402).

School psychologists are also eligible for certification in 43 of the 50 states by the Department of Education (DOE) as a professional educator to provide school psychological services in public, private, or charter schools. Certification in school psychology can occur at either the specialist or doctoral level. Professionals who hold the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential are eligible for certification in 31 states.

Licensure and certification requirements vary from state-to-state. Candidates are advised to research those requirements in advance of completion of their degree to ensure that they have the requisite coursework for licensure and certification in the state in which intend to seek employment.