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# Specialist Program in School Psychology

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## **Specialist Program (Psy.S.) in School Psychology**

The Specialist Program (Psy.S.) in School Psychology is offered by Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies (CPS). The center, organized in 1967, is committed to providing the highest quality of educational experience to current and future psychologists and counseling professionals. The center offers courses of study leading to master's, specialist, doctoral, and postdoctoral degrees in psychology.



The Specialist Program in School Psychology was developed, in part, in response to the national and state shortage of school psychologists and the increased public attention being paid to the important role that psychologists play in the schools. The curriculum was designed following consultation with departments of psychological services, the Florida Department of Education (DOE), the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP), the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and the American Psychological Association (APA).

The program is designed to meet the National Association of School Psychologists Standards for Training Programs in School Psychology. The program is Florida Department of Education-approved and meets the educational requirements for licensure as a school psychologist under Chapter 490, Florida Statutes, which allows graduates to work independently in private practice.

The program emphasizes assessment, counseling, and advanced psychology specific to an educational environment. Courses are taught by faculty members with advanced degrees in psychology and both academic and professional experience in the field. CPS is committed to providing the highest quality of educational experience to current and future psychologists and counseling professionals.





# MA IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

The Specialist Program in School Psychology consists of 79 semester hours, which span three years of coursework (including practicums) and one year of internship. The program is enriched through its more than 30 distinguished full-time faculty members, including nationally renowned professionals. Students also enjoy the benefits of a diverse student body, hands-on training within the center's faculty clinics, and a variety of clinical and research opportunities.

## Curriculum

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| <p><b>I. Psychological Foundations</b><br/>Biological Bases of Behavior<br/>Social and Cultural Bases of<br/>Assessment and Counseling<br/>Learning and Human Development<br/>Psychology of Exceptional and<br/>At-Risk Children<br/>Child and Adolescent Psychopathology</p> <p><b>II. Educational Foundations</b><br/>Instructional Strategies for<br/>Students with Diverse Needs<br/>Organization and Operation<br/>of Schools</p> <p><b>III. Psychoeducational Assessment</b><br/>Assessment: Intelligence Testing I<br/>with Lab<br/>Assessment: Intelligence Testing II<br/>Psychoeducational Assessment<br/>Projective/Objective Personality<br/>Assessment<br/>Assessment of Special<br/>Populations<br/>Integrated Report</p> | <p><b>IV. Interventions and Specialized Techniques</b><br/>Counseling Theories and<br/>Techniques<br/>School Consultation Skills<br/>Contemporary Clinical Interventions<br/>for the School Psychologist<br/>Applied Behavioral Assessment<br/>Theories and Research in Reading<br/>Instruction, Assessment,<br/>and Intervention</p> <p><b>V. Statistics, Measurement, and Research Design</b><br/>Educational Statistics<br/>Research Design</p> <p><b>VI. Professional School Psychology</b><br/>Introduction<br/>Current Topics<br/>Ethical, Legal, and Professional<br/>Issues for School Psychologists</p> <p><b>VII. Practicums</b><br/>School Based<br/>Applied Skills</p> <p><b>VIII. Internship</b><br/>Internship in School Psychology</p> |
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**Total: 79 credits**

Courses are subject to modification as the curriculum is finalized.

"The Nova Southeastern University School Psychology Program changed my life. Throughout the program, I made lifelong friends as well as professional contacts. From counseling theories through internship, the NSU School Psychology Program is comprehensive and prepares you for a rewarding career as a school psychologist."

Kim Berryhill, Psy.S., NSU Class of 2005



## Program Format

The format is designed for the working professional with courses offered primarily on weekends and evenings. The curriculum is enhanced through the use of online technology. Students are required to complete two practicums, one of which is school based. The degree is designed with the expected completion date of four years, including internship.

The program is offered in a unique format—combining traditional, weekend, and online classes. Some courses are offered completely online; others combine live and electronic classrooms in an innovative hybrid format. Online technology is used to enhance traditional classroom learning.

## Who should enroll?

The specialist program is open to individuals with bachelor's or master's degrees in psychology, education, counseling, guidance, or a related field who demonstrate the scholastic ability and interpersonal skills to be effective practitioners in schools.

The program is currently offered at our main campus in Fort Lauderdale-Davie and at our off-campus sites in Jacksonville, Tampa, and West Palm Beach. With sufficient interest, the degree may be offered at other locations.

Enrollment is limited. As such, prospective students are advised to apply at the earliest date possible. If you are planning to apply to this program, or would like additional information, please fill out the attached form and send it to the indicated address.

**For more information, return the attached card  
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**For a detailed description of the course content,  
a faculty list, and a tentative class schedule,  
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Yes, please send me an application and more information on the specialist program in school psychology.

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# Center for Psychological Studies

CPS is dedicated to providing the highest quality of education to its students, superior mental health care to the community, and research contributions to the mental health sciences. The center offers master's degrees in mental health counseling and school guidance and counseling, a specialist degree in school psychology, two American Psychological Association-accredited doctoral programs (Ph.D. and Psy.D. in clinical psychology), and a postdoctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology. The center also has an APA-accredited predoctoral internship program and sponsors the Consortium Internship Program. Both internship programs are members of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC).



## What School Psychologists Do

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home and school for all students.

School psychologists work to find the best solution for each student and situation and use different strategies to address student needs and to improve school and districtwide support systems (as stated on [www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org), 2006).

### Notices of Nondiscrimination and Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin. ■ The Ph.D. and Psy.D. programs in clinical psychology are accredited by the American Psychological Association. The Psychology Services Center Internship Program is also accredited by the American Psychological Association (Committee on Accreditation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002-4242; Telephone number 202-336-5979). Additionally, the Center for Psychological Studies sponsors the Consortium Internship Program, which is a member in good standing of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). ■ Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.



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