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How to Apply

School Psychology has a one-time admissions process and applications are due **December 1st**.

Prospective applicants must submit an application through the Office of Graduate Admissions. gradschool.utk.edu/admissions



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School Psychology PhD Program

APA Accredited & NASP Approved*



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About our Program

The School Psychology doctoral program is housed within the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling (EPC). The mission of our program is to excel in the preparation of leaders and scholars who promote psychological health, educational expertise, and civic responsibility.

The program prepares professionals who work collaboratively with educators, administrators, parents, and children to promote learning and development in all students through effective educational experiences.



School Psychology training is guided by the scientist-practitioner model and students learn to use a data-based, problem-solving approach to aid with difficulties in learning and/or challenging behavior in field-based sites including urban, suburban, and rural schools. Research is an integral part of this training and students participate in on-going research each semester.

Students who graduate from the University of Tennessee's School Psychology PhD program can be licensed as psychologists and nationally certified as school psychologists.

Why School Psychology at UT Knoxville?

Financial Support

Assistantships are available within EPC and across the university. Assistantships provide the cost of tuition (in and out of state), health benefits, and a stipend.

Research Opportunities

Students participate in faculty-led collaborative research groups and are often first author on peer-referred journal articles. Students have opportunities to conduct research with multiple faculty members.

Training Experiences

Students are trained to be successful in a wide variety of settings, such as school systems, universities, mental health clinics, or private practice. We offer both rural and urban school-based training and have access to the Korn Learning, Assessment, and Social Skills (KLASS) Center, which focuses on identifying, preventing, and remedying academic and social skills deficits in children, adolescents, and young adults.

Our People

We have a cohort structure and students consistently report that their peer relationships enhance their learning and experiences during and after graduate school. You can absolutely build personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime.

Knoxville

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