



School Psychology Graduate Program FAQ

Program Application Process

1. When can I apply to the graduate program?

The application portal opens each year after Labor Day and closes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

2. When will applications be reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed in January and February each year.

3. What application materials must I submit?

Application materials consist of a written personal statement, three letters of recommendation, and a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The bachelor's degree can be from any course of study. The GRE is not required for application to our program.

<https://nevadastate.edu/academics/soe/school-based-mental-health/>

4. Is there an interview as part of the application process?

Yes. During the application review period, select applicants will be invited for an interview.

5. When will I be notified if I am accepted?

Notification of acceptance will begin in March each year.

6. How many students are admitted each year?

We typically accept cohorts of 12-14 students.

7. Are students admitted mid-year?



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No. Students are admitted once a year, in the spring, to begin coursework in fall of the same calendar year.

Program Course of Study

8. Will NSU accept transfer students into the Ed.S. Program?

Yes, transcripts will be reviewed and up to 21 credits can be transferred if approved.

9. How many years does it take to complete the program?

The Ed.S. is designed to be a three-year, full-time program designed for working professionals. Students typically attend evening or online courses for two years and then complete a one-year internship. Full-time study is considered to be a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester for Financial Aid.

10. Will there be an orientation for admitted students before the fall semester?

Yes, the new cohort orientation will take place in August each year.

11. Am I allowed to enroll in the program part-time? That is, can I take less than 9 credits in a semester?

No. We are currently running the program as a full-time program only.

12. Is it required that I complete an internship as part of the program?

Yes. Each student must complete a one-year (1200 hour) internship in a PK-12 school setting.

13. Is it possible for me to work during the day while taking classes in the program?

Yes. The program is designed for working professionals in that the courses are offered in the evening, online, and/or in hybrid formats.

14. What does the practicum experience entail?

The practicum requires in-person application of the skills learned during coursework in a PK-12 school setting. The practicum follows the domain specific requirements as



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outlined by the National Association of School Psychologists and takes place during the second year of the program.

15. What does the internship experience entail?

The internship requires full-time, in-person work-based learning in a PK-12 school setting. The required number of hours is 1200 and follows the domain specific requirements as outlined by the National Association of School Psychologists. The internship takes place during the third year of the program.

Graduation and Licensing

16. When I graduate will I have the skills needed to be a licensed school psychologist in Nevada?

*Upon successful graduation, students will have gained the requisite skills and required clinical experiences necessary to apply for licensure in the state of Nevada. Graduates can apply for licensure through the Nevada Department of Education.
<https://online.nvdoe.org/>*

17. What would I need to do if I want to work as a school psychologist in a state other than Nevada upon graduation?

Each state will have its own licensing requirements. Students are encouraged to explore those requirements during their internship year.

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