UW-Madison Dept. of Educational Psychology
School Psychology Program

MS EdS Application Requirements

Application deadline is December 1 to be considered for Fall 2019 admission.

Applicants should submit:

1. The online application is available at https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/. The application fee can also be paid online.

2. Transcripts (Department and Graduate School requirement)
   - A PDF of your undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcript is required for admission review by the department. Follow the instructions on the on-line application to upload transcripts with your application. When you are recommended for admission, the Graduate School will contact you if they need an official copy of your transcript(s).
   - Grades
     - A minimum undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.00, or the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours (approximately two years of work), or a master’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required. Applicants from an international institution must demonstrate strong academic achievement comparable to a 3.00 for an undergraduate or master’s degree. All GPAs are based on a 4.00 scale. The Graduate School will use your institution’s grading scale. Do not convert your grades to a 4.00 scale.
   - Degree
     - A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a comparable degree from an international institution is required. International applicants must have a degree comparable to a regionally accredited U.S. bachelor’s degree.

3. Three letters of recommendation
   - Letters of recommendation are required from three people qualified to judge the potential of the applicant as a graduate student. It is advised that those making the recommendations submit their letters electronically. Instructions for inviting recommenders to submit their
letter online can be found on the Graduate School’s Electronic Application. Letters submitted are stored electronically and automatically attached to the application. If a recommender is unable to submit their letter electronically, they may send it directly to ep-admissions@education.wisc.edu.

4. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (Department requirement)
   - Applicants are required to take the GRE. For more information on taking the GRE, please visit the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website here. The Department of Educational Psychology does not require a subject test.
   - Official scores for the GRE must be received at the department by the December 1 application deadline. If the official scores will not be available for submission by the application deadline, you may do the following:
     - Submit your UNOFFICIAL scores for temporary use by the department until the official scores are available by entering the scores on your online application form. Or, you can send them via email (ep-admissions@education.wisc.edu) as soon as you have taken the test
     - If the scores are sent via email, the department will add the information to your other application materials

5. Current Resume or CV

6. Supplemental Application (Department requirement)
   - All applicants must complete a Supplemental Application (included in the on-line Grad School application). On the supplemental application, you will be required to choose the area of the department you wish to study in (Human Development, Learning Sciences, Quantitative Methods, or School Psychology). You are also strongly urged to identify a faculty member or two who may be your likely advisor and identify your ultimate degree goal. For School Psychology applicants, you must complete the questionnaire for individuals who will participate in student teaching or intern/practica programs.
   - As an EdS applicant indicate “See Alternate Personal Statement” in the Personal Statement section of the supplemental application and complete the following: personal statement addressing each of the following questions, 2 pages single spaced maximum emailed as an attachment to balienau@wisc.edu
a. How have your life experiences shaped your decision to pursue an EdS in school psychology?
b. What do you view as the most critical issues (no more than 3) in our schools that school psychologists can help address?
c. How do you plan to practice school psychology upon graduation that will allow you to address the critical issues you identified?
d. What are your reasons for seeking entry into the EdS program at UW-Madison?

7. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** (Graduate School requirement)
   - Applicants whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score by taking the TOEFL test.
   - Scores are accepted if they are within two years of the start of the admission term. Country of citizenship does not exempt applicants from this requirement. Language of instruction at the college or university level and how recent it has been are the determining factors in meeting this requirement.
   - Applicants are exempt if:
     - English is the exclusive language of instruction at the undergraduate institution; OR
     - You have earned a degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university not more than five years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment; OR
     - You have completed at least two full-time semesters of graded course work, exclusive of ESL courses, in a U.S. college or university or at an institution outside the U.S. where English is the exclusive language of instruction. Completion of graded course work cannot be more than five years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment.
   - The required proficiency scores are:
     - Minimum TOEFL requirement: 92 internet (iBT); 580 paper-based test (PBT)
     - Minimum IELTS requirement: 7.0
     - Minimum MELAB requirement: 82
   - Request that your scores be sent to UW-Madison
Use the institution code of 1846 for UW-Madison

Scores may not be older than 2 years

Official score for the TOEFL must be received at the department by the December 1 application deadline. If the official score will not be available for submission by the application deadline, you may do the following:

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8. Special Services

- Students with disabilities may obtain information about learning aids, transportation, medical attendants, parking, building access, housing, library services, etc., from the McBurney Disability Resource Center website here.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition and fee rates are adjusted annually. For current tuition and fee information, visit the Office of the Registrar’s website here. Information on projected expenses for international students can be found on the International Financial Statement form. The form is only for informational purposes – applicants are not required to fill it out for the application process.

Educational Specialist Program Tuition

The Educational Specialist in School Psychology program has a tuition structure that is based on program credits. The following rates apply for the respective academic years: 2018-19 academic years, based on resident status. To estimate the full year tuition, multiply the cost per credit by the number of credits that year and add the corresponding fees as indicated below.

Total Tuition **Resident/In State**: $796.10 per 1 credit + $125.63 segregated fees (at 8+ credits seg fees = $641.04) **74 Credits = $44,720 for all 3 years**

Total Tuition **Minnesota Resident**: $1,192.13 per 1 credit + $125.63 segregated fees (at 8+ credits seg fees = $641.04) **74 Credits = $64,918 for all 3 years**
Total Tuition **Nonresident/International/Out of State**: $1,629.03 per 1 credit + $125.63 segregated fees (at 8+ credits seg fees = $641.04) **74 Credits = $87,200 for all 3 years**

**Funding**

Students enrolled in this program are not permitted to accept teaching assistantships, project assistantships, research assistantships, or other appointments that would result in a tuition waiver. Stipends, scholarships, and hourly work is permissible. For more financial assistance information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid website.

**What will occur after materials are all submitted:**

1. After your materials are submitted, they are reviewed by the Admissions Committee consisting of all School Psychology Program Faculty.
2. If your application packet is selected you will be contacted via email near the end of December for an on-campus interview to be held Thursday January 24th, 2019.

If you have questions while completing the admissions process, please contact Educational Psychology’s Graduate Admission Coordinator via email at ep-admissions@education.wisc.edu or by calling 608-262-1427.