



# SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPLICATION OPPORTUNITIES AT EIU



**Speech-Language Pathologists, School Counselors, and School Psychologists** are all considered to be “non-teaching” school support personnel and typically receive similar salaries on school pay scales. All of these professions require a 60-semester hour master’s degree to work in their professions. **With a CDS major and a psychology minor consisting of a specific set of psychology courses, undergraduates at EIU can explore all three professions as an undergraduate and apply to any or all 3 of these graduate programs during their senior year.**

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

**School Psychologists** provide direct support to students and also consult with other professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers), teachers, and family members to improve individual support strategies, enhance school-wide practices and policies, and collaborate with members of the community to coordinate needed services. School psychologists also help schools: improve academic achievement, promote mental health awareness and support, diagnose learning and intellectual disabilities, create and provide safe and positive school atmospheres, strengthen family-school relationships, improve school wide assessment and monitoring student progress in academics and behavior.

\*Taking all **required** classes listed below fulfills the requirement to obtain a minor in Psychology.

Required Courses	Recommended Courses
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Intro to Psychology (CDS also requires) Psy 1879G</li> <li>2) Abnormal Psychology Pysch 3780</li> <li>3) Statistics (CDS also requires, may want to take the psychology statistics) Psy 2610</li> <li>4) Research Methods in Psychology Psy 3805</li> <li>5) Behavior Management/Modification of Learning (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 3620 Psych of Learning, Psy 4265 Meth in Behavior Management</li> <li>6) Child Psychology/Human Development (CDS also requires ) Psy 3515</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Psychology of Exceptional Children (some grad programs in CDS want this) Psy 4515</li> <li>2) Psychological Measurement (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 4620</li> <li>3) Cognitive Psychology (excellent elective for CDS) Psy 3830</li> </ol>

### Graduate School Application Process and Opportunities

With the set of electives listed above, you can apply for **School Psychology** Master Programs at EIU, Loyola, Illinois State University, Western Illinois University, the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and more.

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AT EIU** Typically 25-30 applications received for 10 spots. Prefer GRE in 50% percentile or better. GPA of 3.5. Opportunities with the Academic Intervention Clinic on campus, full-time internship. Accredited. 100% employment.

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

**School Counselors** work in elementary, middle, and high schools in which they provide support for emotional and behavioral development as well as guidance for college and career opportunities. Some school counselors work at the college level, specializing in career counseling and workforce development. Others work in healthcare or social service agencies. School counselors encourage student success within the school environment by helping individuals develop academic and social skills. School counselors also aid students dealing with emotional, social, mental health, and behavioral issues that threaten their success as healthy individuals. They evaluate students' interests and abilities; provide guidance lessons and counseling; and collaborate with parents and teachers to create plans to help achieve student success. School counselors may also help students develop effective study habits, overcome behavioral problems, develop career plans, explore college options, report possible cases of abuse, and maintain records. They sometimes encounter complex issues such as bullying, suicide, addiction, and abuse.

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With the set of electives listed above, you can apply for **School Counseling** Master Programs at EIU, Governor’s State University, Lewis University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois, Chicago State University, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Loyola, and more.

**SCHOOL COUNSELING AT EIU** Accepts 50% of applications, 15 per year of approximately 30 apps, >3.0 GPA; 3.3/3.4 is competitive. Clinical Mental Health - 15 slots for approximately 40 applications. Accredited.

