MASTER OF SCIENCE
AND SIXTH-YEAR CERTIFICATE
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

» Develop a strong foundation in the core competencies of assessment and diagnosis

» Acquire skills and strategies to work with children, families, and educational programs

» Pursue credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor or Nationally Certified Counselor

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
The School Psychology program in the Department of Psychology is an integrated, 69-credit program of study designed to lead to both the MS degree in School Psychology, with a specialization in clinical child counseling, and a Sixth-Year Certificate and endorsement for professional certification as a school psychologist.

The child clinical counseling specialization affords graduates the opportunity to pursue credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor, or Nationally Certified Counselor. The program reflects an integrated approach to professional psychology designed to prepare school psychologists with particular competencies to work with children, families, and educational programs. The program is designed to prepare highly-qualified practitioners whose primary role is to maximize learning and developmental opportunities for children and adolescents, with an appreciation for the impact of educational and developmental opportunities throughout their life span.

Specifically, the program strives to produce clinicians who will meet employment demands requiring services involving:
- assessment and diagnosis
- counseling and intervention
- consultation and collaboration

The School Psychology program is nationally-approved through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Preparation (CAEP).

PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP TRAINING

The Professional Seminar and Practicum in School Psychology I–II and Internship in School Psychology I–II are critical training experiences. In a general way, the practicum is viewed as an introductory pre-professional experience, which usually occurs during the second year of training and involves a commitment of two-and-a-half days per week for two consecutive semesters.

The Internship in School Psychology occurs during the third year of study and serves as a capstone experience. Both the practicum and internship require weekly on-site supervision in addition to weekly supervision at the University. The practicum requires a minimum of 600 hours of professional service. The internship involves a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised experience. The internship can be completed on a full-time basis during a single year, or completed half-time over two years, if necessary.

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FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid

Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally accepted).
- Be registered for at least six credits per semester. For more information call 800.947.4303, email finaid@hartford.edu or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid.

International Financial Aid

Financial aid for international graduate students is currently available through Graduate Assistantships. Assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in psychology from an accredited collegiate institution and should have achieved at least a B average in undergraduate courses. In addition, he or she must submit scores for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials may be uploaded in a PDF format. Official transcripts should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admission Office
CC231
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:
- An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
- A non-refundable application fee of $50; make check payable to the University of Hartford.
- Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework, forwarded to the University of Hartford.
- A letter of intent as specified in the application form.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Application for assistantship (if applying for an assistantship). Inquire with program for details.
- Official results of the GRE forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436. Visit ets.org.

International Applicants
- TOEFL—Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 79 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at pearsonpte.com. The IELTS is also acceptable with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.
- Guarantor’s Statement—As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx as estimated expenses.

DEADLINES AND DATES

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COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

Graduate students in the School Psychology program are charged the per credit-hour rate. See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY INCLUDES BOTH PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP PRACTICES.
I earned my bachelor's degree in psychology. How many credits must I complete?
The School Psychology program is a 69-credit program of study leading to the MS degree with a major in School Psychology and a specialization in Clinical Child Counseling. The MS is awarded at the end of the second year of study. Following the third year of study, students receive a Sixth-Year Certificate and are eligible for endorsement to the State of Connecticut for credentialing as a Certified School Psychologist.

Does the program accept part-time students?
The program only accepts full-time students during the fall semester only.

I hold a degree in a major other than psychology. Must I complete another degree in psychology in order to apply to the program?
All applicants must hold either a degree in psychology or an equivalent degree. Fundamentally, this means that while we respect training in other fields, the foundation of education learned as a psychology major is deemed a critical foundation for study in this program. Those with degrees in other fields should complete equivalent coursework. In rare instances we have accepted applicants with "comparable" degrees in such fields as "Child Development and Family Relations." In these cases, the Admission Committee has agreed that these degrees are "substantially similar." At the same time, such decisions can only be made after formal application is completed.

How many students are accepted annually?
The School Psychology Program accepts approximately 12 students annually. All applicants must submit the GRE General Test scores. The Admission Committee looks closely at all facets of the application and offers finalists an interview for admission.

How long is the program?
The School Psychology program offers an integrated, planned program of study spread over a three-year time block. In no case may it be condensed. Briefly, the first year includes foundation course work and a year-long, halftime, practicum. The second year includes more advanced course work and a year-long, full-time, yearlong internship. The third year includes the final course work and an intensive full-time, yearlong internship.

When are classes typically offered?
Classes are offered anytime throughout the day and evening and are typically limited to four days a week. Because classes are sequenced, students must be available for a full-time curriculum.

Degree Requirements
- PSY 538 Introduction to School Psychology
- PSY 584 Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy
- PSY 561 Cognitive and Psychoeducational Assessment I
- PSY 565 Cognitive and Psychoeducational Assessment II
- PSY 566 Personality Assessment I
- PSY 567 Personality Assessment II
- PSY 542 Psychopathology of Childhood
- PSY 554 Community Psychology
- PSY 655 Professional Seminar and Practicum in School Psychology I
- PSY 656 Professional Seminar and Practicum in School Psychology II

Post Specialist Requirements
- PSY 582 Research Methods: Design and Analysis
- PSY 520 Learning: Principles, Theories, and Applications
- PSY 530 The Psychology of Career Development
- PSY 737 Introduction to Clinical Neuropsychology
- PSY 650 Consultation: Theory and Practice
- PSY 585 Advanced Therapy Techniques
- PSY 629 Principles of Family Therapy
- PSY 649 Group Process and Psychotherapy
- PSY 669 Child Psychotherapy
- PSY 560 Life Span Development
- PSY 755 Internship in School Psychology I
- PSY 756 Internship in School Psychology II
- EDH 510 Theoretical Foundations: Children and Adults with Special Needs

The Graduate Admission Office would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office by email at GradStudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the School Psychology program, please contact:
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Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January.
Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents