

School Psychology Admission Information

Criteria

Applicants to programs within the Division of Advanced Studies in Learning, Technology, and Psychology in Education must first meet the Graduate College requirements for admission (e.g., minimum 3.0 junior/senior GPA at an accredited institution of higher education). The Division further requires that all applicants score at least 5.5 on the FRK index. The following formula is used to compute the FRK index: $Jr/Sr \text{ GPA} + ((GRE-V + GRE-Q) \div 400)$.

Under exceptional circumstances students with FRK scores below 5.5 may still be considered when there is other strong evidence of the student's academic potential. All applicants whose native language is not English must meet the Graduate College requirements for English language proficiency.

Although the majority of students enter with a bachelor's degree, applicants with master's degrees are also welcome. An applicant who possesses an approved doctoral degree in psychology may apply for a post-doctoral change of specialty in school psychology. Post-doctoral applicants should consult with the Director of the School Psychology program after submitting a *Vita*, transcript, syllabi, etc. The Director, in consultation with faculty, will evaluate the student's previous program and determine what additional courses and experiences are required. A post-doctoral change in specialty also requires successful completion of the doctoral comprehensive examination, an approved internship in school psychology, and, depending on student background, at least one year of fieldwork.

Timeline

All application items must be postmarked by **January 1** to be considered for admission for the following fall semester. Keep in mind that processing takes time, so plan to take the GRE well in advance of the deadline. On-campus interviews typically occur in February. Offers of admission are generally made in March. Applicant responses are completed by April 15.

Materials

The Graduate College has a comprehensive website at <http://www.asu.edu/graduate/> that presents application materials, procedures, and online application forms. Students must apply electronically.

Applicants for doctoral study in the School Psychology concentration of Educational Psychology must submit the following items to the Graduate College, Arizona State University, P. O. Box 871003, Tempe, Arizona 85287-1003.

- Application. The Graduate Degree Application is to be submitted online at <http://www.asu.edu/graduate/admissions>.
- Official transcripts. One from every college and university attended. However, ASU transcripts do not need to be sent.
- Official GRE scores on the general test. The GRE must be retaken if the scores are more than 5 years old. Although the Advanced Psychology GRE is not required for admission to the School Psychology Program, it will be considered by the admissions committee.

In addition to meeting Graduate College admission requirements, applicants must submit the following supplemental materials to the Admissions Committee, School Psychology Program, Arizona State University, P.O. Box 870611, Tempe, Arizona 85287-0611.

- A Summary of Related Experiences form.
- A personal statement of professional goals (Please limit your personal statement to two pages), and
- Three letters of reference using the School Psychology Referral form.
- For those wishing to apply for a teaching or research assistantship within the Division, a Assistantship application form (be sure to include all information that would qualify you for a teaching or research assistantship).

There are other requirements that apply to some applicants such as the English language proficiency requirement for those who do not speak English as their first language. Applicants should closely study the website (<http://www.asu.edu/graduate/admissions/>) and precisely follow all instructions to ensure timely processing of their application.

Procedure

School Psychology recommendations for admissions are made by the faculty of the School Psychology Program. Factors considered as the faculty select from among admissible applicants include GPA, GRE scores, letters of reference from university faculty or other professionals qualified to assess an applicant's potential for success in the program, a statement of professional goals from the applicant, a summary of related experiences, and prior preparation in psychology and education. The GRE psychology specialty is optional, but will be considered.

Following a review of all complete applications, the School Psychology faculty may extend an invitation for an interview. This typically occurs in February. Invitations will be sent via email to the official ASU email address assigned to the applicant by the Graduate College. Applicants should check their ASU email address often to ensure receipt of important communications from the school psychology program. Offers of admission will be made in March. Students offered admission have until April 15 to notify the program in writing of their decision to accept or decline the offer of admission. Acceptance of an admissions offer means that the student has read ASU and Program policies and procedures and agrees to abide by them.

An applicant's acceptance of an offer of financial aid becomes binding in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States. This resolution is supported by four granting agencies and 317 institutions of higher learning; it reads in part as follows: Acceptance of an offer of financial aid (such as graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by an actual or prospective graduate student completes an agreement which both student and graduate school expect to honor. In those instances in which the student accepts the offer before April 15, and subsequently desires to withdraw, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. The Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology has modified the resolution regarding offering an accepting financial aid after April 15 as follows: An acceptance given or left in force after April 15 commits the student not to solicit or accept another offer. Offers made after April 15 must include the proviso that the offer is void if acceptance of a previous offer from a department accepting this resolution is in force on that date. These rules are binding on all persons acting on behalf of the offering institution.

The number of well qualified applicants exceeds the number of openings in the program in any given year. Consequently, meeting the requirements of the Graduate College does not ensure admission to the School Psychology Program. On average, there are 40 to 50 applicants annually. Approximately 10 applicants are offered admission to the program, of which 5 to 8 typically enroll.