SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Graduate Program Head  P Karen Murphy
Program Code  SPSY
Campus(es)  University Park (Ph.D., M.S., M.Ed.)
Degrees Conferred  Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Master of Science (M.S.)
Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Dual-Title Ph.D., M.S., and M.Ed.
in School Psychology and
Comparative and International
Education

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searchType=fac&prog=SPSY)

This intercollege program is based primarily on courses in educational
psychology, psychology, and special education. In addition, courses are
often drawn from counselor education, human development and family
studies, educational theory and policy, educational administration, and
curriculum and instruction. The objective is to develop a psychologist
capable of providing health care who is interested in and knowledgeable
about education and psychology in the school setting. The school
psychologist must utilize professional skill and knowledge about children
and youth to make contributions that are meaningful to and utilized
by teachers, other school personnel, and parents. The development of
competencies needed by a fully qualified school psychologist requires at
least the education represented by a doctoral degree.

Practicum facilities, in addition to those in nearby public schools, include:

• the Center for Educational Diagnosis and Remediation,
• the School Psychology Clinic,
• the Communication Disorders Clinic,
• the Reading Center, and
• the Psychology Clinic.

Facilities for work with children are also available through other academic
units, as well as through assistantship assignments.

The program has been accredited by the American Psychological
Association, the National Commission for Accreditation in Teacher
Education (NASP), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.