ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
The foundation for Ohio State’s accredited School Psychology program is based on socio-cultural theories of psychological and educational practices with youth. Socio-cultural theories encompass social cognition and social behavioral principles of understanding and working with a diversity of youth in America’s schools. Children do not experience life in a vacuum, but do so within socio-cultural contexts such as school, home, and community. The focus of the School Psychology program is service delivery across many different settings with a particular emphasis on children in urban settings. Within this framework, students are trained as scientist-practitioners who function as data-based decision makers and collaborative problem solvers. The program has a commitment to diversity at the research, training, and service level.

BEFORE YOU APPLY:
The Department of Educational Studies requires that you upload all application documents (including copies of official transcripts) with your online application. The only exceptions are official test scores (which are sent electronically from the testing center) and electronic letters of recommendation (which are submitted by the recommender after the application is submitted).

Please see our Prospective Student web page go.osu.edu/ApplyInfo for helpful tips to prepare your application. Pay close attention to information about uploading transcripts and preparing to have your recommendation letters submitted electronically.

CHECKLIST:
- Apply online. Follow the link to “Find Your Program” at gpadmissions.osu.edu. The application opens after August 1. Application fees are non-refundable. *Fee only applies to students new to Ohio State.
- One original copy of transcripts from each university-level school attended should be uploaded.
- Statement of Purpose. See go.osu.edu/ApplyInfo and page 2 for more complete details on writing a statement of purpose.
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Official GRE scores. Send to institution code 1592 only. GRE Scores are required of all Ed.S. and Ph.D. applicants.
- Letters of recommendation—Three letters from individuals who have personal, academic and/or supervisory knowledge of your capabilities. Letters must be submitted electronically by your recommenders. Follow the directions included in the application or see the Graduate Admissions web site for information about setting up electronic submission of letters and see the Educational Studies prospective student page on who should be your writers.
- Check the Educational Studies web site for information about Fellowships, Graduate Associate funding and Scholarships. Both require separate applications. Assistantships funded by non-EHE funds may require minimum GRE scores. We cannot guarantee funding to all students but prioritize Ph.D. funding.

IF you previously enrolled as a degree seeking graduate student at Ohio State, submit a request for Transfer of Graduate Program application. The application can be found at gpadmissions.osu.edu/apply/grad.html. Choose the application type that best suits your current situation and then choose Intra-University Transfer. Upload all the documents listed above into your online application. If a copy of your previous academic file is available, please have that department send it to EdStudies@osu.edu. If your transcripts and your GRE scores are included in your previous file, you do not need to submit new copies. You DO need to submit transcripts for any coursework completed since leaving your previous program.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In lieu of a personal statement, we are requesting that you answer the following questions. We are requesting that you respond to all questions, type and single space the document and limit your response to no more than three pages. Although, the purpose of the statement is for the faculty to gain information on you as a student, we will also use it as a writing sample.

All Applicants
1. Why do you want to become a school psychologist?
2. Why are you interested in The Ohio State University School Psychology Program?
3. Describe your experiences with children?
4. Describe your experiences and interest in working with diverse and urban populations?
5. Describe your experiences in school settings?
6. Describe yourself as a student including both strengths and weaknesses.
7. What would you like to do after graduating with a degree in school psychology?
8. What additional information do you want us to know about you?

Ed.S. Applicants
1. The program is committed to promoting wellness within the program as well as for those we impact in our work. What do you do to promote wellness in your life?

Ph.D. Applicants
1. Describe your research experiences and interests.
2. What do you value in a mentor?
3. At this time, identify which faculty member you would like as a mentor and why?
4. How do you respond to stress and novel situations?

APPLICATION REMINDERS

1. Be sure to check out our prospective student web page for more application tips, including a step-by-step guide to filling out the online application.
2. Once you have filled out and paid for an application (new applicants only), you can check your application status online at osu.edu click on Future Students then Application Status. Please note: it can take up to 48 hours for the system to reflect changes made to your application (i.e.—receipt of materials). Remember, you are responsible for monitoring the status of your application. If items are not received by the published deadline, your application will not be reviewed.
3. Make sure you give a complete list of the colleges and universities you have attended on your application. If an institution is listed on another transcript and you did not list that institution on your application, you are still required to send transcripts from the places you failed to list. Requesting late transcripts can hinder or halt the processing of your application.
4. Please email our office (EdStudies@osu.edu) to let us know if your name has changed (e.g. from name at birth to married name) since the last time you attended a college or university.
5. Email is not a secure form of communication. NEVER include your social security number when corresponding via email, including when you are sending in requested materials.

NOTE: Application to the School Psychology Program is a two-step process. After completed applications are reviewed, selected applicants will be invited to an in-person interview. Interviews typically take place in late February or early March.