MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Description and Outcomes

The Master of Science in Educational Psychology program is designed to prepare you to pursue professions in educational, instructional, and governmental institutions. You will focus on developing the knowledge and skills to guide improvement of educational programs and practices.

Many educational, instructional, and governmental institutions are becoming increasingly dependent on educational psychologists who are equipped with the knowledge and expertise to develop, implement, and evaluate instructional programs. In order to keep programs competitive, maintain educational quality, and improve learning, these organizations may also seek professionals trained in new and improved instructional techniques, technologies, educational trends, and learning behaviors. The Master of Science in Educational Psychology is not focused on the clinical practice of school psychologists and does not lead to licensure or certification. The goal of the program is to help you develop competencies to evaluate and recommend improvements in educational programs, student learning, and instruction. If you are interested in pursuing a career as a psychometrician, program evaluator, or school consultant, this degree could be an asset.

Program Length

The Master of Science in Educational Psychology program consists of a minimum of 52 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a master of science degree.

Program Outcomes

1. Select research design and methodologies that effectively address needs, processes, and outcomes in program evaluation.
2. Apply knowledge and skills to the creation of educational and psychological interventions that promote academic performance and social-emotional behavior.
3. Integrate reasonable adaptations to educational policies, practices, and accommodations to create equivalent learning environments and experiences for diverse populations.
4. Design effective educational programs and interventions by integrating learning theory and psychological principles.
5. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the interaction between educational technology and academic outcomes.

Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can view the professional competencies associated with your academic program in the Professional Competencies (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/professional-competencies/) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/ university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/social-behavioral-sciences/) and the Policy Information (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/graduate/policy-information/) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements/).

Accelerated Master of Science in Educational Psychology Option

Students enrolled in one of the following programs have the option of completing the accelerated Master of Science in Educational Psychology option while they earn their bachelor’s degree:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
- Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services
- Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

If you are a graduate of one of the above-listed programs, are granted admission to the Master of Science in Educational Psychology program, and meet the requirements for the accelerated option, you will have the following courses transferred in and will matriculate into a shortened version of the master’s degree program:

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Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly
listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

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**Degree Plan**

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.

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**TOTAL CREDITS** 52

Students enrolled in the Master of Science in Educational Psychology must change to the 10-week calendar track upon completion of all 6-week track education coursework.