

## Specialist in School Psychology

### ***Who takes this program?***

- Anyone interested in working with or assisting children in school settings.
- Typical academic background is psychology or education, but students from a wide variety of backgrounds are enrolled in the program.
- This program may be a good fit for teachers, counselors, school administrators, other education personnel, or professionals in the field of psychology.

### ***How does the program work?***

- Designed to be accessible to working students.
- All classes will be offered on nights and/or weekends. Some classes will also contain web-based components for training.
- Attend full-time (four classes per semester) or part-time (one or two classes per semester).
- Full-time students should complete the program in a three year period.
- Competencies and Learning Domains include:
  - Communication
    - Analytical abilities
    - Development of professional relationships
    - Data collection and interpretation
    - Diversity
    - Legal and ethical practice
    - Appropriate tools and technology

### ***How will this degree benefit me?***

The program is designed to meet both the requirements for state licensure in Texas (L.S.S.P.) and national certification (N.C.S.P.). Graduates of the program will be prepared for employment in the field of school psychology within the public school setting.

### ***What courses will I take?***

- 66 credit hours designed specifically to meet requirements for training and certification in the field.
- Courses include
  - Psychological foundations
  - Assessment
  - Consultation
  - Intervention
  - Education
  - Practica experiences
  - One-year internship.

### ***What sets this program apart from other programs?***

The WTAMU program is designed to specifically meet requirements for certification in school psychology. We provide a high level of student-faculty interaction and support. Faculty and students have close contact and relationships with regional public school personnel and administration. Graduates have successfully practiced in local and national positions.

## Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

### *Full Admission*

- Complete Department application
- Letters of recommendation, using form provided by the Department
- Personal statement
- Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a substantial equivalent
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) in last 60 hours or 3.0 or higher
- Submit Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores
  - Verbal score not below the 50th percentile
  - Quantitative score not below the 25th percentile
  - Analytical writing scores of 4.0 or above

### *Conditional Admission*

Any applicant who does not meet the above requirements will be reviewed for conditional admission by program faculty.

### *Deadline to Apply*

- April 1 for Fall admission
- Spring admission available on a limited basis

### *Program Contact Information*

Dr. Kenneth Denton  
[kdenton@wtamu.edu](mailto:kdenton@wtamu.edu)  
806-651-2608