



## Ph.D. in School Psychology

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

> <https://future.utsa.edu/programs/doctoral/school-psychology/>

### PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The PhD in School Psychology program provides academic and practical training necessary for a career as a scientist-practitioner and professional health service psychologist (with eligibility for licensure as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology and Licensed Psychologist through the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, as well as certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist). Graduates will contribute to the academic, emotional, and social-behavioral well-being of children and adolescents through direct and indirect services, as well as to the science that informs psychological practice. The program includes advanced coursework and field-based experiences in psychological assessment, intervention, consultation, learning, development, research, statistics, and professional issues. Students also complete a full-time internship in a school or other mental health setting.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Health Service Psychology, which includes School Psychology, has been identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as a specialization with faster than average employment growth, and Texas will encounter one of the most serious shortages of School Psychologists in the near future. Thus, job prospects for School Psychologist are favorable, with employment opportunities in schools and mental health settings. There has also been a shortage of school psychology faculty working in graduate training programs. Graduates of the PhD in School Psychology will receive training and experience necessary to fill faculty positions.

### PROGRAM OPTIONS

The PhD in School Psychology is a full-time 114-hour program, typically requiring 5 years to complete when admitted with a bachelor's (students admitted with a master's may apply a limited amount of previously earned credit towards the PhD). In addition to general courses, students complete a specialization in behavior analysis, bilingual school psychology, or research and evaluation, as well as field-based experiences and an internship which occur in educational, clinical, and/or medical settings and require a background check. Students also complete a dissertation as partial fulfillment of requirements for this degree.



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*Our program and faculty are committed to your success as future clinicians and researchers, and your role in shaping the field of school psychology.*

- Victor Villarreal,  
Graduate Advisor  
of Record

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Department of Educational Psychology:

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### Program Information

> <https://education.utsa.edu/departments/educational-psychology/phd-school-psych.html>

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> [utsa.edu/financialaid](http://utsa.edu/financialaid)  
210.458.8000 (general line)  
210.458.7169 (appointments)

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must provide official transcripts indicating a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, preferably in a related field such as Psychology, Special Education, or Education, or show proof of equivalent training at a foreign institution.
- A Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester credit hours of coursework for the baccalaureate, or a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for master's degree coursework (if applicable)
- Applicants must submit GRE Test Scores (including the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing test). A minimum of a 3.5 is required on the Analytical Writing portion.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from professional references (e.g., professors, supervisors, employers) which address the applicant's academic and/or professional skills, and potential to succeed in a rigorous graduate program.
- Applicants must prepare a Statement of Purpose which outlines the applicant's (a) reasons for pursuing the PhD degree in School Psychology, (b) experiences relevant to the field of psychology or education, and (c) career plans
- Complete requirements, forms, and directions are available in the application site

## HOW TO APPLY

> <https://future.utsa.edu/programs/doctoral/school-psychology/>

Apply through the UTSA Admissions:

> <https://future.utsa.edu/apply/>

Send electronic transcripts to:

- [graduate.documents@utsa.edu](mailto:graduate.documents@utsa.edu)

## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA):

> [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

Competitive doctoral fellowships available within the college (average of 20 hours per week). Contact department for more information about fellowships.

Additional graduate student scholarship information:

> [graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding](http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding)  
> <https://onestop.utsa.edu/scholarships/>  
> [education.utsa.edu/current\\_students/scholarships](http://education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships)

Cost of Tuition:

> <https://onestop.utsa.edu/financialaid/cost-of-attendance/>