

**FORM B**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO  
PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

<b>Academic Unit:</b> Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and School Psychology	<b>Date of Submission to School Dean:</b>
<b>Requested Effective:</b> Fall <u> X </u> , Spring <u> </u> , 2007 <u> </u> .	
<b>Name of Contact Person, if not Department Chair:</b> Catherine Christo	
<b>Title of the Program:</b> Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree in School Psychology	
<b>Type of Program Proposal:</b>  _____ <b>Modification in Existing Program:</b> ___ Substantive Change ___ Non-Substantive Change ___ Deletion of Existing Program  _____ <b>X</b> _____ <b>New Programs</b> ___ <b>Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan</b> ___ <b>New Degree Programs</b> ___ Regular Process ___ <b>X</b> Fast Track Process ___ Pilot Process ___ <b>New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis</b> ___ <b>New Certificate Program</b>	
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at <a href="http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm">http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm</a>	
<b>Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.</b> This proposal is for an Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree in School Psychology. The Ed.S. degree is generally considered a clinical or practice degree that is appropriate for graduate programs which are more rigorous than a traditional masters degree and involve a practice related component. The Ed.S. Degree is considered the national standard for training of school psychologists and is much more common in training programs outside of California. It is important that the advanced level of training students receive is appropriately recognized by their academic degree. The current Masters does not fully reflect the academic and clinical training students receive. Because our program is nationally approved at the Specialist level, our students are currently qualified to sit for the exam which will allow them to become Nationally Certified School Psychologists. At this point in time, over 18 states recognize this certification as adequate for practice. However, many states require an academic degree beyond the Masters for licensing within their states.	
<b>Approvals:</b>  <b>Department Chair:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____  <b>School Dean:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____  <b>University Committee:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____  <b>Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____	