



M.A./Ed.S. in School Psychology Application Info

Application Deadline: February 1st, 2025

Application Steps:

- Complete Cal State Apply online application (open Oct. 1st)
- Using Quadrant IV in Cal State Apply, upload your Supplemental Application Materials and request your Letters of Recommendation

Supplemental materials:

- Official transcript(s)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- GRE scores
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Essay
- Prerequisite Form
- Basic Skills Requirement form

Program requirements:

- Undergraduate degree
- Minimum 3.0 overall grade point average (if GPA is below 3.0, student may be accepted conditionally)
- Satisfying the Basic Skills Requirement (or having registered for the CBEST examination)
- Provision of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (no minimum score required)
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses or equivalent experience:
 - Knowledge of special education and the education of exceptional learners.
 - Instruction on how to teach, and/or experience teaching, school aged youth.
 - Experience working with diverse learners in a K-12 school setting.
 - Courses taken that address the following topics:
 - Abnormal psychology
 - Introduction to counseling
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Exploration of cultural and linguistic diversity



What is the difference between a M.A. and an Ed.S.?

M.A. & Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPS):

- Two years of coursework + one year of internship
- Obtains: M.A. and PPS which allows you to practice as a school psychologist

Ed.S. (advanced degree): *most students opt for this

- Two years of coursework + one year of internship and completion of thesis paper or project
- Obtains: Ed.S. (with M.A. & PPS)

What to expect after applying?

- You may be selected for an interview (including a spontaneous writing sample at the end)

Tips for Interviewing:

- Ask questions!
- Have knowledge about the field of school psychology.
- Have knowledge about the program and professors.

For more information on the school psychology program and application process, visit the csus.edu school psychology page or email

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