



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

**SPECIALIST DEGREE (Ed.S.) IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
PROGRAM OF STUDY**

The general objective of the Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree program is to prepare an educational leader whose primary goal is to promote the mental health and educational needs of children in the public schools by acquiring necessary skills and competencies to function as a school psychologist. Students completing the school psychology program will be eligible for certification as a School Psychologist in South Dakota.

The Specialist Degree requires a minimum of **69** semester hours of graduate level credit beyond the baccalaureate degree. The program requirements have been developed in terms of core-areas and sub-areas of study.

Area I: REQUIRED COURSES IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Course	Title	Hours
SPSY 752	Multiculturalism and Professional Issues	3
SPSY 761	Assessment of Intelligence (2*)	4
SPSY 768	Consultation	3
SPSY 771	Principles and Practice of School Psychology	3
SPSY 772	Applied Neuropsychology and Interventions with School Aged Children	3
SPSY 780	Systems-Level Prevention, Crisis Intervention, and Family Services	3
SPSY 782	Seminar in Instructional Strategies, Assessment, and Intervention	3
SPSY 784	Behavioral Collaboration and Intervention	3
SPSY 795	School Psychology Practicum (3*)	6
SPSY 850	Psychopathology in School-aged Children	3
SPSY 866	Personality and Behavior Assessment	3
SPSY 894S	Internship/Field Experience (Ed.S.) (minimum total of 1200 hours)	10
Total Hours:		47

Area II: REQUIRED COURSES IN SUPPORTING AREA

Course	Title	Hours
EDER 711	Educational Assessments (1*)	3
EDER 761	Graduate Research & Design	3
EDER 762	Foundations of Statistics	3
EPSY 741	Cognitive Approaches to Educational Psychology	3
EPSY 776	Current Issues in Developmental Psychology	3
COUN 761	Counseling Theories & Socio-Cultural Foundations	3
COUN 786	Pre-Practicum in Counseling	3
SPED 516	Assistive Technology	1
Total Hours:		22

* Take these courses in the numbered order. 1 & 2 may be taken concurrently.