



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA

**DOCTORAL DEGREE (Ph.D.) IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY  
PROGRAM OF STUDY**

The general objective of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program is to prepare a professional leader in the field of school psychology by acquiring necessary skills and competencies to function in a variety of capacities such as a practitioner, supervisor, trainer, and a researcher. Students completing the school psychology program will be eligible for certification as a School Psychologist in South Dakota.

The Doctoral Degree requires a minimum of 110 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 & Behavior Assessment	3
SPSY 893	Workshop in Preschool Assessment and Early Intervention	3
SPSY 895	School Psychology Clinic Practicum (4*)	5
SPSY 894D	Internship/Field Experience (Ph.D.) (minimum total of 1500 hours)	12
SPSY 898D	Dissertation in SPSY	15
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>72</b>

**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
EDER 860	Advanced Statistics I	3
EDER 861	Advanced Statistics II	3
EDER 862	Multivariate Techniques	3
EDER 885	Dissertation Seminar	1
EPSY 741	Cognitive Approaches to Educational Psychology	3
EPSY 776	Current Issues in Developmental Psychology	3
COUN 725	Family Therapy in Community and Agency Settings	3
COUN 761	Counseling Theories and Socio-Cultural Foundations	3
COUN 786	Pre-Practicum in Counseling	3
COUN 795	Counseling Practicum	3
SPED 516	Assistive Technology	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>38</b>

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