



# EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (PHD)

## Description

Applicants are required to choose a specialization from counseling psychology; developmental and learning sciences; quantitative, qualitative, and psychometric methods (QQPM); or school psychology.

## Specializations

### • Counseling Psychology

The Counseling Psychology (<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/counseling-psychology/>) specialization strives for an equal balance between science and professional psychological practice in the general context of a life span model of human development-oriented toward community agencies, schools, and college settings. The counseling psychology specialization is accredited by the American Psychological Association.

### • Developmental and Learning Sciences

The Developmental and Learning Sciences (<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/developmental-learning-sciences/>) specialization focuses on advancing and applying a theoretical understanding of 1) Social and Emotional Development, 2) Cognition, Learning, and Instruction, and 3) Educational Neuroscience across the lifespan.

### • Quantitative, Qualitative and Psychometric Methods

The Quantitative, Qualitative and Psychometric Methods (<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/quantitative-qualitative-psychometric-methods/>) specialization is a multidisciplinary approach to providing students with a wide range of skills related to research methodology, educational and psychological measurement, and applied statistics. The specialization is unique in its emphasis on qualitative, quantitative and mixed-method research approaches, and in the integration of cognitive and developmental principles of educational psychology.

### • School Psychology

The School Psychology (<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/school-psychology/>) specialization is highly respected throughout the nation. The Ph.D. program prepares graduates for practice in universities, schools, hospitals, developmental centers, mental health centers, clinics, and private practice. This graduate pathway is accredited by the American Psychological Association, approved by the National Association of School Psychologists, and leads to Nebraska licensure in professional psychology.

## Program-Related Information

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## Program Website

<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/>

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.  
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

The Department of Educational Psychology is not using GRE scores in MA, EdS, and PhD admissions decisions.

- Minimum English proficiency: Paper TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 550, Internet TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 80, IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) 6.5
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Three recommenders

### Admission Application Deadlines

- Developmental Learning Sciences: January 15 for Early Consideration. May 1 for Fall. October 1 for Spring.
- Counseling Psychology: December 5 for Fall.
- Quantitative, Qualitative And Psychometric Methods: January 15 for Fall. October 1 for Spring (M.A. only).
- School Psychology: December 1 for Fall.

## Requirements

Hours required: 90