



# School Psychology

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# SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

## What Do School Psychologists Do?

They help children succeed in all aspects of life (academically, socially, emotionally, & behaviorally). They help create supportive learning environments.

Children face everyday problems as well as more serious societal issues. School Psychologists work with students, teachers, parents, and the community to address concerns by providing resources and support to ensure all students thrive.

### Job Responsibilities

#### **Consultation**

Collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to find effective solutions to learning and behavior problems

#### **Intervention**

Provide psychological counseling and help manage crises

#### **Research and Planning**

Use evidence-based research to develop effective interventions

Evaluate the effectiveness of academic and behavior management programs

#### **Evaluation**

Evaluate learning environments, academic skills, learning aptitude, and eligibility for special education services

#### **Prevention**

Design programs to promote student success

### *Essential SP Skills*

Intellectual and scientific curiosity

Interpersonal and social skills

Effective communication skills

Desire to assist and support ALL children

Leadership skills

Understanding and respect for diversity

Adaptability, organization, and responsibility

### *Overall Benefits:*

#### *Job Stability*

There is an immense shortage of school psychologists throughout the country.

#### *Summers*

Many school psychologists enjoy traveling during the summer or spending time with their families.

#### *Salary*

25th Percentile

**\$60,500**

Average salary of a School Psychologist:

**\$83,225**

75th Percentile

**\$100,000**

## *Recent Events in EIU School Psychology!*

### **Academic Intervention Clinic**

We are excited to offer a 10-week academic intervention clinic for reading this fall 2018 semester. The Academic Intervention (AI) clinic is ran by EIU School Psychology students in their second year of training. This fall, the clinic is focusing on **reading intervention**.



### **Intern/Intern-Supervisor Conference**

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, current third-year intern students traveled to Illinois State University for the annual Intern/Intern-Supervisor Conference. Deborah Humphrey, RN, BSM, MBA was the Keynote Speaker.



### **Upcoming EIU Intern Conference**

*October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

Current EIU School Psychology Interns come back to campus to share their intern experiences with first and second-year students! Lucia Maldonado is scheduled to speak on ways to serve and support children in schools who are undocumented.

## How to Prepare for Graduate School at EIU

### Required Undergraduate Prerequisites

- General Psychology
- Research Methods
- Statistical Methods
- Child Psychology/Human Development
- Abnormal Psychology
- Behavior Management/Modification or Learning

The following courses are highly recommended:

- Adolescent Psychology
- Physiological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Psychology of Exceptional Children
- Psychological Measurement

## WHY CHOOSE EIU FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

### Perks

OUR PROGRAM HOLDS A 100% PLACEMENT RATE  
**WITH ALL OF OUR STUDENTS**  
FINDING JOBS DIRECTLY AFTER GRADUATION.

**Financial Support!** – 80% of  
students receive graduate  
assistantships

### Students & Opportunities

#### Conduct research

3 semesters of **practical, real-world training** and experiences in a school setting

Take classes with your cohort (a **close group of peers** that become “like family”)

**Mentorship** (first-year students have a second-year mentor who is there when you need support, advice, or just a friend!)

#### Student Association of School Psychologists

SASPE (our **student association**) assists with making differences in the field and advocating for important topics

### Faculty

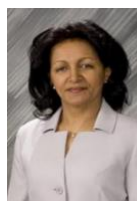
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**Dr. Assege HaileMariam**  
Professor



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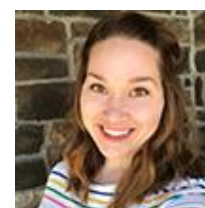
“The School Psychology Program at Eastern Illinois University is exceptional and unparalleled. This program exceeded my expectations and set a strong foundation for me to become a knowledgeable school psychologist that utilizes best practices and culturally responsive services to effectively serve children, families, and communities. EIU has a community feel and endless support from peers and faculty alike. The professors at Eastern fostered my research interests, exposed me to diverse learning opportunities, and rigorously prepared me to continue my education in a Ph.D. program. The knowledge, practical skills, and mentorship I received at EIU is unmatched. I never thought going on to get my Ph.D. would be a possibility, but my experience at EIU made this dream a reality. I am confident that without the EIU School Psychology program and faculty, I would not be the well-rounded student and professional that I am today.”

- Morgan Eldridge (2017)



“I am so glad that I chose EIU for my graduate training in School Psychology. The program aligns with the standards of practice set by the National Association of School Psychologists, making national certification a streamlined process. The program is rigorous, but the faculty was highly supportive and invested in my development as a professional. The program offered many learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. In addition to the high quality of the program, it was an excellent value with several graduate assistantships being offered and no trouble finding a position upon completion. After finishing my first year in the field, I know that my time at EIU thoroughly prepared me to be an effective school psychologist.”

-Kari Meyer (2017)



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