



How to Apply

Enrollment is competitive and only a limited number of candidates are accepted into the program. To be considered for this program, you need to submit an application for graduate study by February 1 of each year for enrollment in the following fall.

A complete application includes:

- An earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended as an undergraduate student, as well as any graduate transcripts, sent directly to Graduate Studies from the institution.
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (on a four-point scale) with 3.0 preferred.
- Letter of interest and three letters of recommendation.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required but will be considered, if available.

Apply online at <http://www.uwrf.edu/csp/spsyAppProcess.htm> today. Specific guidelines for letters of interest and letters of recommendation are also included here.



Find Out More

Visit the web page for course descriptions, faculty profiles and career options for graduates. Or contact the school psychology faculty at the number below.

College of Education and Professional Studies

Department of Counseling and School Psychology

Web site: <http://www.uwrf.edu/csp/schoolpsychprogram.htm>

Phone: (715) 425-3889



Find your place in



School Psychology

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN **River Falls**

Do you want to help young people succeed in school, at home and among peers?

Perhaps a career in School Psychology is for you.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls offers a nationally approved (NASP) graduate program for those who wish to become certified school psychologists. Upon completion of your program, you will be prepared to provide the following services:

- Academic, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive interventions
- Consultation and collaboration with parents, teachers, and other educators
- Assessment of individual student challenges
- In-service training for school staff and parents
- Program evaluation
- Applied research



“The job market for school psychologists is excellent at this time. The majority of program interns have received a fully paid internship during the final year of training.”

Scott Woitaszewski, Ph.D.
School Psychology
Program Director,
UW-River Falls

What Do School Psychologists Do?

School psychologists work with students individually and in groups. They also develop programs to train teachers and parents about effective teaching and learning strategies, techniques to manage behavior at home and in the classroom, working with students with disabilities or with special talents, addressing abuse of drugs and other substances, and preventing and managing crises.

Why Choose UW-River Falls?

Since 1968, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has been training dedicated individuals in the field of school psychology.

Under the guidance of expert instructors, students will learn:

- to engage in reflective practice and solve problems from a child advocacy perspective;
- to use preventive as well as remedial practices; and
- to work with diverse populations including special and general education students.

Additional Benefits Include:

- The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approve our degree.
- Graduates are qualified for certification in most states, including Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.
- Graduates may be eligible to apply for listing in the National School Psychology Certification System.
- Courses are scheduled at 4 p.m. or later to accommodate many student work schedules. Most students work at least part-time while enrolled in the program.
- The UW-River Falls campus is a short 30 minute drive from downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. Students gain access to diverse rural, urban, and suburban field experiences.



Master's Degree and Educational Specialist

The program begins with a two year (35 graduate credit) Master of Science in Education degree, followed by a 31 graduate credit Educational Specialist degree (66 total program credits). The specialist degree is required for certification in most states. UW-River Falls program graduates are eligible for National Certification in School Psychology (NCSP).

Who are School Psychologists?

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments for all students that strengthen connections between home and school.

“The UW-River Falls program has enabled me to thoroughly learn and develop the skills that I needed to help prepare myself for the current issues in education and school psychology.”

Amanda Yenni,
Golden Valley, Minn.,
Ed. Specialist (2010)