

## School Psychology Program

### Admissions Process

For all of the graduate programs in the Department of Psychology, admission is not automatic by meeting minimal admission requirements. Students are selected from a pool of qualified applicants. Each year the number of students admitted to a program depends on the availability of adequate faculty supervision. The projected number of admissions to the School Psychology Program is approximately 12 students per academic year. Applicants are reviewed in both Fall and Spring semesters.

Requirements for unconditional admission to the School Psychology Program are a GRE score of 900 (Verbal + Quantitative) and an undergraduate GPA of 3.00. The GRE Psychology Subject Examination is not required. Applicants who do not meet these criteria may be considered for conditional admission. Students admitted conditionally must achieve a 3.25 GPA in the first 12 required graduate classroom hours and may be required to meet additional specific conditions.

The School Psychology Program requires that students be fully admitted prior to enrolling in required core courses. Non-degree students may not enroll in required core school psychology courses, except by special permission of instructors.

Below is a brief description of the application process. The application process contains two major parts: a) application to the Graduate School; and b) application to the School Psychology Program. These will need to be completed *before* any student is accepted to the School Psychology Program. The deadlines for complete applications are as follows: **March 1**, for fall semester and **October 1**, for spring semester. Late applicants who meet the admissions criteria may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### 1. Application to the Graduate School

- a. Complete an Application to the Graduate School and submit, with the application fee, to Graduate Admissions (forms can be found in the back of the Graduate Catalog) or [on line](#).
- b. Submit official transcripts of all college work to Graduate Admissions.
- c. Take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). You may call the MTSU Counseling and Testing Center at (615) 898-2670 for test dates and a registration bulletin or Sylvan Learning Center at 1-800-853-6773. Scores should be sent to Graduate Admissions. The Code for MTSU is 1466. You may wish to visit the [GRE](#) on line.

2. Application to the School Psychology Program: Submit the following materials in a single package to the School Psychology Admissions Committee at MTSU Box 87, Murfreesboro, TN 37132
  - a. Supplemental School Psychology Program Application
  - b. Three School Psychology Program Reference Forms: At least two of these should come from faculty who know you and can attest to your academic abilities. The third can come from someone who has supervised your work, or been a colleague. Please ask the persons completing these forms to seal them in an envelope and sign their name across the seal. Include all three in your packet.
  - c. A curriculum vita
  - d. A statement of purpose. In your statement of purpose, please be sure to include why you are interested in the field of school psychology, why you are interested in the program at MTSU, and what your future plans are.
  - e. Copies of all of your college transcripts (unofficial copies are fine)

The School Psychology Program Admissions Committee will review your completed file and make a decision concerning admission. This process is separate from the Graduate School admissions process. While you may meet the criteria for admissions to the Graduate School, this does not guarantee admission into the School Psychology Program.

If accepted into the School Psychology Program, you will be required to return a postage-paid postcard within two weeks of notification to reserve a place in the program. You will be assigned a student mentor to assist in answering your questions. You also will need to schedule an appointment with the School Psychology Program Coordinator to help you complete a candidacy form and work out a class schedule.

To view the Graduate Catalog and Class Schedule Book you will need to check the following websites:

[Schedule Book](#)

[Graduate Catalog](#)