

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (ADV CERT)

Admissions

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to one of the Advanced Certificate (formerly Professional Diploma) programs in school psychology must meet the general requirements for admission to graduate study in the Graduate School of Education and the following program-specific criteria:

- Possess a baccalaureate or a master's degree from an accredited college or university with a suitable foundation in the behavioral sciences, including successful completion of courses or their equivalent in the following areas, at either the undergraduate or graduate level: general psychology, child/developmental psychology, educational psychology, abnormal psychology, and psychology of personality. Applicants who lack one or more of these prerequisites may be admitted to the program; however, all but two prerequisites must be completed prior to taking any program coursework. These two prerequisites may be taken concurrently with program coursework. It is preferred that missing prerequisites be taken at Fordham.
- Choose to take and pass a minimum competency examination in psychological and educational measurement. (Students who do not meet the criterion level or choose not to take the exam will be required to enroll in PSGE 6702 Fundamentals of Educational and Psychological Measurement during their first semester at Fordham).
- Have academic and professional goals consistent with the objectives and purposes of the program.
- Show evidence of a high degree of emotional stability, as well as personal and social maturity as indicated by both the student's record and by an interview with school psychology faculty.
- Have earned a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (B or better) or a minimum graduate grade point average of 3.5 (B+ or better).
- Provide two letters of reference.
- Demonstrate satisfactory command of oral and written English.
- Provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, meningitis, and rubella.

Applicants for the bilingual program must also demonstrate competency in both English and a second language through a license as a bilingual teacher or a successful rating on a test of dual language proficiency (for example, New York state Education Department Language Proficiency Examination).