

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (ADV CERT)

Overview

66 credits

NYSED 14379

The Fordham Graduate School of Education offers two Advanced Certificate (formerly Professional Diploma) programs in school psychology. Both programs lead to certification as a school psychologist. One of these programs, the bilingual Advanced Certificate program, leads specifically to a school psychology certificate with a bilingual extension.

Both Advanced Certificate programs prepare students to serve as practicing school psychologists. Beginning with a foundation in undergraduate psychology coursework, the student completes a minimum of 66 graduate credits of academic study, including one year of supervised internship. The student is then awarded the Advanced Certificate. Students who complete the program successfully are eligible to apply for National Certification as a School Psychologist, and students who are U.S. citizens are recommended to New York state for New York certification as a school psychologist.

Graduates of the bilingual school psychology program who complete the master's in the psychology of the bilingual students are eligible for New York state certification as bilingual school psychologists (i.e. certification as a school psychologist with a bilingual extension).

Completion Requirements

To complete an Advanced Certificate in school psychology or bilingual school psychology, students must

- complete the prescribed program of study, including a minimum of 66 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree, with a minimum of 30 graduate credits taken at Fordham with the approval of an adviser (credit for previous graduate work is granted depending on its relation to the program);
- maintain a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 3.25 (between B and B+);
- successfully complete an end-of-program comprehensive assessment; and
- successfully complete any required related practica or field experiences.

Consistent with accreditation guidelines of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), students earning an Advanced Certificate in School Psychology at Fordham University must take the National Certification in school psychology Exam and request that their scores be submitted to the program director prior to graduation. Although a passing score on the test is not required for graduation, students are encouraged but not required to seek national certification. Because the Fordham school psychology program is fully approved by NASP, students who successfully complete the program and obtain passing scores on the national certification exam are eligible for National Certification as a School Psychologist.

Acceptance into the program carries with it the responsibility to uphold the published ethical standards of the American Psychological Association. Violation of ethical standards may result in termination from

the program. The program is committed to fostering and maintaining a learning environment in which all members of the community feel valued and respected. The program reserves the right to review the progress of students and to terminate students from the program on the basis of inability to meet academic, personal, or professional standards. Students may be terminated from the program if they fail to complete any of these requirements.