This program focuses on the scientific study of the psychological growth and development of individuals from kindergarten through early adulthood. It includes instruction in cognitive, emotional, and personality development; empirically based testing and assessment; consultation and intervention/therapy methods for children and adolescents; data-based decision-making; research on child and adolescent therapeutic intervention; and supervised fieldwork in school settings.

Students who are admitted to the Ph.D. program in school psychology, the Advanced Certificate (formerly Professional Diploma) program in school psychology, or to the Advanced Certificate (formerly Professional Diploma) program in bilingual school psychology, and who do not have a relevant master’s degree, must complete a master’s degree (M.S.E.) while matriculated in their programs in order to be eligible for permanent professional New York state certification as a school psychologist or school psychologist with a bilingual extension.

These M.S.E. programs are designed to provide specialized studies in areas that complement the practice of school psychology. These are “captured” programs that overlap with the school psychology Advanced Certificate and doctoral programs.

Note: These master’s degree programs or specialization areas do not in and of themselves lead to eligibility as a school psychologist or bilingual school psychologist. Students must complete the Advanced Certificate in School Psychology, Advanced Certificate in Bilingual School Psychology, or Ph.D. in School Psychology to meet New York state’s requirements for eligibility as a certified school psychologist.

**Completion Requirements**

To complete the M.S.E., students must

- complete the prescribed program of study, including the four courses (12 credits) that do not overlap with the advanced certificate or bilingual advanced certificate programs prior to or concurrently with completing the advanced certificate or Ph.D.;
- maintain a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 3.25 (B or better); and
- complete an end-of-program comprehensive assessment.