EdSp in Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology with Emphasis in Mental Health Practices in Schools

The online Mental Health Practices in Schools (http://online.missouri.edu/degreetransfers/ed-mhinschools) program is intended for school personnel, educators and other community mental health professionals who work with children and adolescents in schools and community agencies. This includes elementary and secondary teachers, special education professionals, school counselors, school nurses, administrators, at-risk coordinators and resource officers, safety coordinators, substance abuse coordinators, speech/language pathologists, itinerant and migrant educators, and private practitioners.

Courses are designed to offer practical applications of psychological concepts and are taught by experts in the field. The program identifies and deals with issues that promote positive mental health of children and adolescents. Courses in the program provide a solid base to increase awareness, knowledge and skills in areas such as:

- Identifying and assessing evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies and programs
- Communicating effectively with parents, children and school personnel
- Building resiliency and optimism in children and adolescents
- Increasing awareness of multicultural and diversity issues
- Understanding mental, emotional, and behavioral factors in youth
- Managing crisis interventions
- Applying wellness management for self and others
- Implementing positive behavior support and strategies in the classroom
- Collaborating with families and other school personnel

Note: This program does not provide school counselor certification, nor any professional counseling licensure.

Website: Mental Health Practices in Schools (http://online.missouri.edu/degreetransfers/ed-mhinschools).

Degree Requirements

The educational specialist degree is a 30-hour program of specialization built upon the master’s degree. To earn the Mental Health Practices in Schools educational specialist degree, students complete 31 credit hours from among the courses listed below. The only required courses are the research methods (ESC_PS 8020) and capstone (ESC_PS 8490). At least 5 courses must be at the 8000 level. Students can select the remaining courses that best fit their educational and professional experience and interests.

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Comprehensive Examination Process

Capstone paper

The program requires a capstone integrative paper allowing students to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and competencies acquired through the program’s course work.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the EdSp in Educational and Counseling Psychology (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/educational-school-and-counseling-psychology/ma-m-ed-or-edsp-in-educational-school-counseling-psychology.php) program and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program’s graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

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