



Northeastern University offers two programs in school psychology: a doctoral level program (PhD) and a specialist level program (Master of Science / Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study). School psychologists are health promotion specialists who conduct psychological, educational and behavioral assessments for the purpose of designing effective classroom and school-wide interventions, counseling children and parents, consulting with teachers and parents, as well as performing in-service training.

Distinctive features of both programs include:

- Urban and culturally diverse field placements and applied research projects
- Early childhood emphasis
- Prevention of academic, emotional, and behavioral problems
- Highly collaborative and student-centered faculty
- Strong and supportive student cohort groups

### PhD in School Psychology

The PhD Program in School Psychology is designed to meet state licensure requirements for psychologists and the accreditation requirements of the American Psychological Association, National Association of School Psychologists, and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The program emphasizes:

- Translational research related to health promotion and education of children and their families
- Scientifically-based practice in urban schools, community centers, and hospitals.

The program has four principal foci:

- Prevention of health-related and educational problems in young children
- The reciprocal influence of science and practice in a multicultural and urban context
- Development of leadership skills in researchers and practitioners
- Interdisciplinary research and practice

Our training goals are to produce graduates who demonstrate:

- Knowledge of the basic areas of psychology
- Competence in research and scholarly activities
- Competence in teaching at the college level
- A systemic, problem-solving approach to assessment, intervention, and evaluation
- Competence in applied research methods
- Commitment to the profession of psychology with a particular focus on school psychology;

### PhD Curriculum

Students can enter the program with either a bachelor's or master's degree. Those entering the program with a bachelor's degree must take 104 graduate semester hours of courses. The entire program is five years of full-time study, including a full-time one-year pre-doctoral internship.

### Faculty

#### Louis Kruger, Psy.D.

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#### Amy Briesch, Ph.D.

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#### Jessica Hoffman, Ph.D.

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Professor, Director of the Early Intervention Program

#### Emanuel J. Mason, Ed.D.

Professor

#### Robert Volpe, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

### MS/CAGS in School Psychology

The three-year program has full approval from the National Association of School Psychologists and the Massachusetts State Department of Education. The overarching purpose of the program is to develop highly competent school psychologists.

Northeastern University students develop competencies with respect to:

- Consultation and collaboration
- A wide range of assessment approaches
- Prevention of problems and health promotion
- Counseling individuals and groups
- Culture and diversity
- Program evaluation and applied research
- Professional oral and written communication

Students also can choose to obtain a specialization in Early Intervention. This training option prepares school psychologists to work with infants and toddlers and their families in community and related agencies. More information is available at: <http://www.northeastern.edu/bouve/programs/cearlyinter.html>

### MS/CAGS Curriculum

Students can enter the program with either a bachelor's or master's degree. Those entering the program with a bachelor's must take 62 graduate semester hours of courses. The program includes a full-time third-year internship.

### Admissions Information and Application

The Graduate School Office of Admissions  
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Application information is available online at

<http://www.schoolpsychology.neu.edu/admissions.html>

Applications are due January 5<sup>th</sup>. Applicants are required to submit an online application, 3 letters of recommendation, official transcripts, GRE scores, and an application fee.