

Frequently Asked Questions Graduate Certificate in School Psychology

1. How do I know if I'm eligible for the graduate certificate program in school psychology?

The first step is to review the school psychology licensure requirements and determine how many classes you still need. The Texas licensure requirements can be found on the [TSBEP website](#). Information on licensing and credentialing requirements in other states can be found at [NASP's website](#). You likely would not qualify for the certificate program if you:

- 1) have earned less than 45 credit hours total, and/or
- 2) need more than five classes (15 credit hours) to meet the licensure requirements.

Individuals who are interested in applying to the certificate program are encouraged to use the Certificate Planning for Licensure Requirements form on the certificate webpage to compare previous coursework with the licensing requirements.

2. The licensing board rules indicate that applicants who hold a certificate of completion from a graduate-level training program designed to train individuals from related disciplines in the practice of school psychology are said to have an appropriate degree. What is considered a “related discipline”?

The licensing board rules do not specify what constitutes a related discipline; however, certificate program completers who have successfully obtained licensure had backgrounds in clinical psychology, educational psychology, and counseling. The licensing board ultimately decides if previous coursework is deemed acceptable to meet the licensure requirements.

3. What if I am an educational diagnostician or school counselor? Does that mean I am ineligible to apply for the school psychology certificate program?

If your previous degree consisted of fewer than 45 graduate hours, the graduate certificate will be insufficient because you will need at least 60 graduate hours to apply for the license to practice school psychology. Additionally, you will likely need more than five courses to meet the specific course requirements for licensure.

4. I've taken enough classes that meet the licensure course requirements, but I only need my practicum and internship. Can I apply for the certificate program so that I can complete my practicum and internship experiences?

No, the university will only award the certificate after fifteen (15) hours have been completed. Additionally, if you haven't taken any other courses in our program, we

cannot sufficiently determine how your previous coursework and training have prepared you for field experience. As a program, we have a responsibility to school districts and the licensing board to ensure you are adequately trained to practice as a school psychologist.

5. Is this an online program?

No, the certificate program is not 100% online. You will follow an individualized certificate plan depending on which courses you need for licensure. Some of those may be online with or without synchronous class meetings, and some of them may have face-to-face requirements. Certificate students follow the same course sequence and course modalities as the master's level students.

6. Is the GRE required, and is there a cut-point for admission?

The Graduate School at Texas Tech University has waived the GRE for all graduate programs through Fall 2026. Applicants who have GRE scores must submit them to the university through ETS. There is no cut-point for admission. Our holistic application review process allows us to consider all evidence of an applicant's readiness for graduate-level work and their fit to our program.

7. Is the program APA-accredited or NASP-approved?

No, the school psychology program at Texas Tech University is not accredited by APA or NASP.

8. When is the deadline for applications, and how many students are admitted?

We use a cohort model and only admit students for the fall semesters. Applications for the school psychology certificate program become available on October 1 and are due March 15 for the following Fall semester. The number of students admitted varies; however, the program typically accepts 12-15 certificate and master's level students each year.