



## Psychological Examiner K-12 Certification

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Am I eligible to pursue this certification?**

1. You must have a master's degree in counseling psychology, educational psychology, school counseling, OR education. If you do not already have a master's degree, you can choose to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching with Psych. Examiner certification.
2. You must have certification as a School Counselor, Classroom Teacher, or Special Education Teacher! Psychological examiner certification is only available as an add-on certification.
3. You will need to complete the necessary courses and internship in order to be certified through DESE for Psychological Examiner K-12.

#### **What am I required to take in preparation to seek Psychological Examiner K-12 certification through the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)?**

This certification is comprised of 10 courses (30 credit hours) plus an internship under the supervision of a certified psychological examiner (150 hours minimum). You will likely have completed some of the required courses already, but each student's situation is different. Here are the required courses:

- EDPS 453/ 553 The Exceptional Child
- PSYC 553 Advanced Human Development  
    OR COUN 5153 Advanced Human Development
- EDPS 553 Advanced Theories of Learning & Personality
- GRED 543 Methods of Inquiry I  
    OR COUN 5263 Research & Program Evaluation
- EDSP 434/ 534 Methods of Teaching & Inclusion for Students with Cross-Categorical Disabilities
- EDPS 543 Psychological Tests & Measures
- PSYC 563 Psychology of Normal & Abnormal Personality  
    OR COUN 5203 Psychopathology
- EDSP 463/563 Individual Diagnostic & Classroom Assessment  
    OR COUN 5223 Assessment & Testing
- EDPS 573 Intelligence Testing
- HUSR 543 Personality Assessment of Children, Adolescents, & Adults
- EDPS 583 Psychological Examiner Internship (minimum 150 hours)

## **What is the role of a psychological examiner?**

Psychological Examiners have certification from DESE and work in a K-12 school setting; this may involve administering and interpreting a variety of standardized tests and assessments. These tests are intended to measure cognitive and academic abilities or behavioral and personality traits to determine a student's needs (such as special education services, placement, guidance, etc.). Psychological Examiners administer tests that are both qualitative and quantitative. Their interpretation of test results will be used to determine a student's level of functioning or disability, as well as strengths and weaknesses. Psychological Examiners may be involved in behavior management planning by developing recommendations for educational services.

## **How do I apply?**

Your first step is to submit a free online application at: <https://apply.mobap.edu>!

You can contact the office of Graduate Admissions at [graduateadmissions@mobap.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@mobap.edu) or (314) 392-2327.