



Department of Educational and School Psychology: Introduction to the Department & Graduate Assistantships

The department seeks to generate new knowledge through clinical and scholarly expertise of its faculty and students, and to share this information with the community. The department supports the mission of the university as a whole through coursework which stresses a broad framework for understanding human learning, motivation, and development.

The Educational and School Psychology Program at IUP is fully accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and is a multiple-entry-level graduate program

Applicants with a bachelor's degree must apply to the master's degree program and, upon completion of the master's degree, may then apply to the post-master's school psychology certification program or to the doctoral program.

Completion of the school psychology specialist program and certification are required to work in schools. The master's degree alone does not allow for this opportunity.

Careers in research or/and academia usually require a doctoral degree, while careers as practitioners or administrators usually require the specialist degree or doctoral program.

Graduate assistantships provide the opportunity to participate in activities related to school psychology and allow the assistant to develop skills that will be beneficial in the work place.

- Full-time graduate students may apply for an assistantship through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, applications for fall assistantships are due **March 15** of the same calendar year.
- They are awarded based on academic excellence rather than a need for financial aid.
- Candidates for Departmental awards and graduate assistantships are chosen on a competitive basis.

| Twenty-hour Full Assistantships | Ten-hour Full Assistantships |
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| Twenty hours per week of assistantship service | Ten hours per week of assistantship service |
| Specific stipend amount provided | Specific stipend amount provided |
| 100% tuition waiver of degree-required credits for fall and spring semesters | 50% tuition waiver of degree-required credits for fall and spring semesters |
| Tuition waiver of up to 9 degree-required credits for summer semester following assistantship | Tuition waiver of up to 6 degree-required credits for summer semester following assistantship |