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WHO ARE THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY?

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The School of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education and the Office of Extended Studies presents

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY RESPECIALIZATION PROGRAM

A program for Colorado-licensed or Colorado License-eligible psychologists
(Non-degree, Endorsement Only)



Cohort III
(Spring 2010 - Spring 2011)

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WHY STUDY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AT UNC?

The School of Applied Psychology & Counselor Education offers a variety of choices for advanced study including the educational specialist's degree (Ed.S.), Respecialization/Endorsement Only, or doctoral degree (Ph.D.) in School Psychology; three Professional Counseling master's degrees (M.A.); and doctoral degrees in Counselor Education (Ph.D.) and Counseling Psychology (Psy.D.). As a UNC graduate student, you will be exposed to a unique diversity of professional perspectives. Programs offered at UNC's Denver Center include: Ed.S. and Respecialization/Endorsement Only in School Psychology, M.A. in Clinical Counseling, and M.A. in School Counseling.

WHAT IS "RESPECIALIZATION"?

This documented program builds upon prior education, licensure and practice to "respecialize" qualified, Colorado-licensed psychologists who would like to obtain a permanent Colorado Department of Education School Psychology License. In accordance with the Educator Licensing Act of 1991, amended in 2002, this program is available only to psychologists who currently hold licensure (or who are eligible for licensure) in the State of Colorado. Upon successful completion of a documented plan of study (as outlined in this brochure) and the National School Psychology Examination (ETS/Praxis#40), students will receive an institutional recommendation verifying that they have met the educational and experience competencies and requirements for practicing as a School Psychologist in the State of Colorado. Only the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) can issue a final School Psychology License. Students must apply to the CDE to obtain it.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM PREPARE ME TO DO?

- Consult with teachers, parents, administrators and other professional service providers.
- Apply knowledge of intellectual, emotional and social assessment to children in the schools.
- Plan and implement academic interventions, in addition to social, emotional and behavioral ones.
- Evaluate programs and conduct field-based research.

For more information about the role and function of school psychologists please visit the web site of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) at www.nasponline.org

ARE CLASSES CONVENIENT FOR ME?

The Extended Studies Denver Center is located on the Lowry Campus (1059 Alton Way, Bldg 758) of the Colorado Community College System. Evening and weekend classes meet the needs of adult learners and working professionals who have jobs, families, and other responsibilities. You study side-by-side with other professionals who share ideas, successes and problems related to challenges you face every day. For added convenience, some advising and instruction are offered using distance technology. School Psychology internships take place in appropriate school settings during hours when K-12 faculty and students are present.

WHAT WILL I STUDY AND WHAT COURSES ARE REQUIRED?

All students accepted into this program will:

1. Document graduate courses demonstrating the competencies listed below.

- Human Learning
- Formal and Informal Assessment including cognitive, social-emotional, and behavioral
- Typical and Atypical Development
- Individual Diversity
- General Education, Special Education and Other Educational Related Services
- Evidence-Based Intervention Programs
- Consultation and Collaboration
- Legal and Professional Issues
- Program/Intervention Evaluation

These are consistent with those required by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). These competencies may be demonstrated only through prior graduate level courses and associated assessment casework that has occurred with child or adolescent populations. Deficiencies in any of these areas will necessitate enrollment in designated UNC courses in addition to those listed below.

2. Enroll in and obtain a grade of B or better in the following courses:

- APCE 763 Legal & Professional Foundations of School Psychology (4) (online and in-person)
- APCE 660 Psychological Consultation: Theory and Practice (3) (taken in conjunction with Internship)
- APCE 676 Assessment for Intervention: Infant and Toddler (3)
- APCE 747 Psychological Aspects of Academic Programming & Interventions (4)
- APCE 789 Internship in School Psychology (6)

This full-time, 1200-hour field experience in school psychology is completed under qualified supervisors in a school setting, taken during one school year at the end of the program. Internship may be completed while employed under an intern license with a school district if appropriate supervisory standards are met. Up to half the internship hours may be waived if the candidate can demonstrate successful completion of an APA-approved doctoral level internship supervised by a licensed psychologist and encompassing experiences similar to those outlined in the NASP guidelines.

Although we create an individualized program for each student admitted, we have found that the above represent a typical program of study for individuals who have completed doctoral level Clinical or Counseling Psychology programs. However, if an individual can demonstrate previous coursework in these areas, the corresponding coursework will be waived as appropriate. All courses will be offered in a condensed format including weekend and online instruction. Please note: the internship requires supervised experience in a school setting during school hours.

3. Pass the National Certified School Psychology Examination (ETS/Praxis#40)

Toward the end of the program students must take the National Certificate of School Psychology (NCSP) exam. Successful completion of the NCSP exam satisfies program graduation requirements and is a requirement of the Colorado State Department of Education as well as a requirement in many other states. The exam is offered several times a year.

WILL I HAVE A FACULTY ADVISOR?

Academic program advisors from UNC meet with you in Denver and are available by phone and e-mail at other times. Dr. Robyn Hess coordinates the program and serves as the academic advisor. She can be reached at robyn.hess@unco.edu or (970) 351-1636.

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Students enrolled in UNC degree and licensure programs may be eligible for financial aid. Obtain detailed information from the UNC Office of Financial Aid (see "Who Do I Contact?").

WILL THIS PROGRAM MEET MY EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY?

HIGH STANDARDS

UNC offers accredited programs and maintains high teaching standards. Program faculty are committed to the development of broadly based, competent professionals who apply psychological and educational principles to improve the psychosocial environment of children and adolescents within the school and larger community settings. Faculty view potential program candidates as unique, with strengths and assets to be identified, encouraged, and developed during graduate education.

ACCREDITATION

The University of Northern Colorado is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. UNC courses listed in the foregoing section are drawn from the Ed.S. program in School Psychology already accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and the Colorado Department of Education. Our Respecialization Program is approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Colorado Department of Education.

EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

Highly qualified UNC faculty and, occasionally, practicing school psychologists will teach your courses. Faculty affirm strong connection between the world of theory and the world of practice and are in constant and close contact with K-12 and postsecondary educators and other professionals, collaborating, consulting and researching.

AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Since its founding more than 100 years ago, the University of Northern Colorado has been at the educational frontier. Today, the University prides itself on its quality, diversity and personal touch. We offer a wide range of academic programs on the Greeley campus and at sites throughout Colorado via distance delivery formats, both site-based and online. Degrees and endorsements awarded through extended programs carry the same academic recognition as those earned on the Greeley campus.

HOW AND WHEN CAN I APPLY?

(See complete mailing addresses on the back of this brochure.)

Application deadline is August 1, 2009.

Admission to the Respecialization in School Psychology Program is a two-stage process consisting of: 1) preliminary screening and acceptance by the UNC Graduate School; and 2) final review and acceptance by a School Psychology faculty panel.

Obtain and complete a UNC Graduate School application:

- E-mail or phone: gradsch@unco.edu or (970) 351-2831
- Online: www.unco.edu/grad/prospective/index.html
Be sure to indicate on the form that you are applying for the School Psychology, Endorsement Only program.

Submit to the Graduate School by mail or online:

1. Completed application for admission
2. \$50 admission processing fee
3. Academic transcripts (two official copies) from each college or university you have attended (except UNC). A grade point average of at least 3.3 in the most recent 100 hours of academic work is preferred.

When the Graduate School has determined that minimum university requirements have been met, your materials will be forwarded to the program area for consideration.

Submit to the Respecialization Program Coordinator:

1. Your current resume/vita
2. A copy of your current Colorado License in Psychology (or letter indicating your eligibility)
3. A letter of support from a school administrator, written on your behalf
4. Documentation of your coursework and experiences associated with the competencies listed under "What Will I Study?"

To be considered for admission to School of Psychology Respecialization Program Cohort III (Spring 2010), your completed application folio must be received by August 1, 2009. Only completed applications will be reviewed. Admission decisions are made one time per year. Application folios will be reviewed by a faculty panel who will decide which competencies have met program requirements. If you are accepted into the respecialization program, an individual "Program of Study" will then be proposed for you by the program coordinator.