



Graduate School

School Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy



Research, Practice and Experiential Learning

Help children succeed academically, socially and emotionally as a school psychologist. The School Psychology Ph.D. program at UNC provides opportunities to work in a diverse and thriving community, including in local schools serving students from a range of cultures and backgrounds. At UNC, students study with faculty representing various disciplines and who have a wide variety of professional interests. You'll work with students, educators, parents and other mental health professionals in extensive practicum and field experiences. The results speak for themselves; our

graduates have enjoyed a 100 percent employment rate over the last 20 years. We offer the only APA-accredited* School Psychology Ph.D. program in Colorado, and currently one of less than 100 in the U.S. For our graduates, this means a competitive edge in the job market, eligibility for licensure and academic positions. The Ph.D. program is also approved by the National Association of School Psychologists. At UNC we emphasize both science and practice, teaching students to conduct research and apply existing research to the practice of psychology.

Career Pathway

Our programs prepare students to work in a variety of settings, including:

- Schools
- Private practice
- Community mental health centers
- Hospitals
- Universities

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Credits Required: 127-128
- Time to Completion: Five years
- Classes Start: Every Fall
- Application Deadline: Dec. 1

As a graduate of the doctoral program, you'll also be eligible for licensure as a psychologist.

*Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to: Commission on Accreditation, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association 750 1st St. NE Washington, DC 20002 phone: (202) 336-5979, email: apaacred@apa.org

go.unco.edu/school-phd

Related Programs

- Special Education, Ph.D.
- Counseling Psychology, Ph.D.
- Counselor Education and Supervision, Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$685 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,296 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Students Say

“The School Psychology Ph.D. program provided me with a strong understanding of assessment, consultation, and cultural responsiveness. This has allowed me to effectively practice in a field that is constantly changing, in order to best address social and emotional wellness in our youth.”

– Shanda Vaira, Ph.D. Class of 2014

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Several competitive teaching and research assistantships
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

Faculty Spotlight

David Hulac, Ph.D.

David Hulac, Ph.D. is an associate professor of School Psychology. He has over 20 years' experience as a teacher, school psychologist and professor. He is currently the past president of the Trainers of School Psychology, the winner of the 2012 Belbas-Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of South Dakota and the Outstanding Scholar Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at UNC. He has multiple publications in the area of Response to Intervention for Behavior and Academics and is the author of the books, *Behavioral Interventions in Schools: A Response to Intervention Guidebook* and *Evidence-Based Strategies for Effective Classroom Management*.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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