

Appalachian State University Virtual/Hybrid Online School Psychology Training Program Hickory, NC

North Carolina is facing critical workforce shortages in school psychology, similar to the shortages across the United States. In North Carolina, there are 789 school psychologists and 1.5 million public school students.

FLEXIBILITY

The proposed program would offer classes in the evenings, on weekends, and in summer. The majority of classes would be fully online, with assessment sequences taught in person either on Saturdays or clustered in the summer. The program would take approximately 4 years to complete.

NON-TRADITIONAL

The proposed virtual program would target non-traditional students such as general education and special education teachers, school counselors, and school social workers.

NASP TRAINING STANDARDS

The curriculum would be aligned with the training standards set by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), which is 60 semester hours of coursework that includes 12 semesters hours of field experience.

WHY?

The critical workforce shortages in school psychology impacts 1.3 million students in North Carolina Public Schools. Their role in schools as mental health professionals, psychoeducational evaluators, consultants to teachers and school administration, and crisis prevention is critical.

LICENSURE

Upon graduation, the students would be licensed by the N.C Department of Public Instruction. Once the program becomes NASP-approved then it will draw students across the United States.

LOGISTICS

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA"s) would be necessary to allow professionals to continue employment with their school districts while completing course requirements in their school. An experienced supervisor would also need to be available

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