

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ED.S. VS PH.D.

DECISION TREE

	ED.S.	PH.D.
COURSE CREDITS REQUIRED	<p>A minimum of 67 credits in the school psychology major.</p> <p>Minimum 2 years of coursework, 1200 hours internship</p>	<p>A minimum of 81 credits in the school psychology major, a minimum of 9 credits in a minor area, and 18 credits of dissertation.</p> <p>Minimum 4 years of coursework, 1500 hours internship</p>
RESEARCH REQUIREMENT	<p>30 hours first semester - continued research optional</p>	<p>30 hours first semester + expectation for continued involvement. Dissertation required.</p>
FIELD EXPERIENCES	<p>School based field experiences (Year 1) & Practicum (Year 2) in PreK-12 setting.</p>	<p>School based field experiences (Year 1) & Practicum (Year 2) in PreK-12 setting.</p> <p>Mental health-based practicum & Externship (e.g. school setting, community mental health clinic, private practice, hospital) in (Year 3 & 4)</p>
INTERNSHIP	<p>School based internship (Year 3) in PreK-12 setting (paid internships available in full-time setting)</p>	<p>Full time internship; APA APPIC Match in Year 5 (98% in the past 5 years)</p>
JOB POSITIONS POST-GRADUATION	<p>School psychologist in the schools (PreK-12 setting)</p> <p>Work in local/state/national leadership and advocacy</p> <p>Work in state department of education</p> <p>Specialized district teams (behavior, autism, etc)</p> <p>District Special Education Director (Additional certifications may be required)</p>	<p>School psychologist in the schools (PreK-12 setting)</p> <p>Work in academia and/or research settings</p> <p>Licensed Psychologist (LP) *Graduates have necessary pre-doctoral experience to apply for state licensure. Licensure requirements vary by state and often require post-doctoral experience.</p> <p>Once licensed, LPs may work in a variety of settings such as: Independent/Private Practice, Community Mental Health, Juvenile Courts.</p>
CERTIFICATION / LICENSURE	<p>Eligible to apply for NCSP</p> <p>Eligible for Arizona State Certification</p>	<p>Eligible to apply for NCSP</p> <p>Eligible for Arizona State Certification</p> <p>Pre-doctoral foundations to pursue psychology state licensure (additional postdoctoral experience often necessary)</p>