



School Psychologist Graduate Program Handbook

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Introduction

The School Psychology faculty and staff welcome you to our learning community. We look forward to working with you as you enter this rigorous and comprehensive program, and we hope that you enjoy the experience as you develop a professional identity as a school psychologist.

The Program offers full- and part-time courses of study leading to the degree of Masters of Science in Education – School Psychologist, and to the Advanced Certificate – School Psychologist. Completion of both, the M.S. in Education and the Advanced Certificate, are required for New York State certification in School Psychology. The full-time track is typically completed in three years, and the part-time track is typically completed in four years. The Program also offers qualified candidates the option of earning the New York State Bilingual Extension to their certification in School Psychology.

The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize candidates with policies, procedures, and expectations of the School Psychologist Graduate Program. The Program is offered through the Brooklyn College School of Education, which was previously accredited by NCATE and preparing for new accreditation by the AAQEP (Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation). According to AAQEP's mission statement, "AAQEP promotes and recognizes quality educator preparation that strengthens the education profession's ability to serve all students, schools, and communities, and to do so equitably."

The program is located in the department of School Psychology, Counseling and Leadership (SPCL) which also includes programs in school counseling and educational leadership. The School Psychologist Graduate Program adheres to the training standards established by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and is approved by NASP. The policies and procedures within this handbook are consistent with those of the Brooklyn College/City University of New York, the School of Education, NASP, AAQEP, and the New York State Department of Education.

Graduate candidates should become familiar with this document as well as with the Brooklyn College Bulletin, which provides extensive information related to graduate work and college regulations. Students should also become familiar with NASP training standards (www.nasponline.org/certification), which are emphasized throughout the School Psychologist Graduate Program course of study.

Each candidate agrees to abide by all Brooklyn College, School of Education, and School Psychologist program policies and procedures.

About Brooklyn College

Brooklyn College is a comprehensive, state-funded institution of higher learning in the borough of Brooklyn, a culturally and ethnically diverse community of 2.65 million people. As one of the eleven senior colleges of the City University of New York, it shares the mission of the university, whose primary goals are access and excellence.

Since its founding in 1930, the college has been attracting a wide variety of motivated students — many of them immigrants or the children of immigrants who wish to better their lives through a superb education. They come because of the college's renowned faculty of academics, professionals, and artists who are among the best in their field. They know they will be learning on a campus considered one of the most beautiful in the country, with well-equipped facilities, studios, smart classrooms, and production and practice rooms — all with a highly affordable tuition.

Brooklyn College has a student enrollment of 18,151 students — 14,968 undergraduates and 3,183 graduates who come from 139 nations and speak 103 languages. The college offers nearly 175 undergraduate degree, graduate degree, and advanced certificate programs in the creative arts; humanities; social, behavioral, and natural sciences; mathematics; education; and business. More than 4,000 students received bachelors and master's degrees, as well as advanced certificates, at our last Commencement Exercises.

The mission of Brooklyn College is to provide a superior education in the liberal arts and sciences. The college offers a wide variety of programs, both in the liberal arts and in professional and career-oriented areas, leading to the baccalaureate and master's degrees and to undergraduate and advanced certificates.

The overarching goal of the educational experience at Brooklyn College is to provide candidates with the knowledge and skills to live in a globally interdependent world and the support services to help them succeed. The college also seeks to develop a sense of personal and social responsibility by encouraging involvement in community and public service. It fosters a campus environment hospitable to multicultural interests and activities. As an urban institution, it draws upon the myriad resources of the city to enrich its educational offerings.

Statement of Philosophy for the School of Education

Mission Statement

The School of Education at Brooklyn College prepares teachers, administrators, counselors, and school psychologists to serve, lead and thrive in the school and agencies of this city and beyond. Through collaborative action, teaching, and research, we develop our candidates' capacities to create socially just, intellectually vital, aesthetically rich, and compassionate communities that value equity and excellence, access and rigor. We design our program in cooperation with Liberal Arts and Sciences faculties and in consultation with local schools in order to provide our candidates with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, proficiencies, and understanding needed to work with New York City's racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse populations. We believe that teaching is an art that incorporates critical self-reflection, openness to new ideas, practices and technologies, and which focuses on the individual learner's needs and promotes growth. Scholarship shapes our collective work and we are committed to educating our candidates to the highest standards of professional competence.

Conceptual Framework

The Faculty of the School of Education, in collaboration with candidates and outside partners, has identified four central themes that guide its preparation of candidates for degrees and certification.

Collaboration

The School of Education is committed to education as a collaborative process that requires sustained dialogue between relevant parties at all levels of our future practitioners' academic and professional lives. Our graduates should not only have a desire for collaboration, but should also strive to develop collaborative learning communities within their schools that are socially just, and intellectually and aesthetically rich.

Critical Self-Reflection and Reflective Practice

The School of Education is committed to fostering critical self-reflection and reflective practice. We believe a professional must reflect upon his or her own practice, rethinking it in terms of its intentions and its outcomes.

Social Justice

The School of Education is committed to education centered on social justice, preparing future professionals to assume active roles in shaping the social, cultural, and political future of their communities and beyond, crossing physical, cultural, and economic borders as they develop shared meanings and purposes.

Diversity

The School of Education is committed to addressing issues of race, ethnicity, class, cultural and linguistic diversity, religion, gender, sexuality, and special needs, as well as to accommodating learner differences and styles.

Statement of Philosophy for the School Psychologist Graduate Program

The School Psychologist Graduate Program consists of a rigorous 60-credit curriculum in theory, research, and evidence-based practice. Extensive field experiences complement course work. With a strong background in measurement, psychological theory, and data-based decision-making, as well as knowledge of effective instructional techniques and psychological interventions, candidates in collaboration with families and school staff are prepared to provide a range of services that positively influence the educational achievement, development, and mental health of all children and youth.

The School Psychologist Graduate Program, offered through the Brooklyn College School of Education, is registered with the New York State Department of Education. The School of Education is formerly accredited by NCATE and is preparing for accreditation with AAQEP, and the School Psychologist Graduate Program works synergistically with the School of Education to meet or exceed AAQEP training standards. The School Psychologist Graduate Program cooperates with the School of Education to collect outcome data that reflects AAQEP and NASP training standards, and therefore participates in the unit-wide assessment of candidates in field placements, alumni surveys, and employer surveys. Data gathered from this unit-wide assessment provides feedback on training and professional outcomes. The Program adopts the conceptual framework of the School of Education, and stresses the four central themes of collaboration, critical self-reflection and reflective practice, social justice, and diversity in coursework and field experiences.

The School Psychologist Graduate Program also adheres to the training standards established by NASP. Frequent assessments that are embedded throughout coursework are used to evaluate student progress, adherence to NASP training standards, and to provide self-assessment to the Program as a means to improve overall training.

Accreditation

The School Psychologist Graduate Program of the School of Education at Brooklyn College is registered by the New York State Education Department. The School of Education has earned full NCATE accreditation, and is preparing for review for AAQEP accreditation. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of American Universities accredit the College. The Program has full approval from NASP.

School Psychologist Graduate Program Mission Statement

The Brooklyn College School Psychologist Graduate Program strives to meet our urban community's need for highly competent, self-reflective, and compassionate school psychologists. The program is committed to improving the educational experiences, and addressing the mental health needs of all children in our richly diverse schools.

Program Goals

The School Psychologist Graduate Program's training goals are consistent with the NASP Model 10 Domains of Practice and ethical guidelines of the National Association of School Psychologists and the American Psychological Association. Through a curriculum of training and extensive field experiences the following practices and competencies are emphasized in the program.

Domain 1: Data-Based Decision Making and Accountability- School psychologists have knowledge of varied models and methods of assessment and data collection for identifying strengths and needs, developing effective services and programs, and measuring progress and outcomes.

Domain 2: Consultation and Collaboration- School psychologists have knowledge of varied models and strategies of consultation, collaboration, and communication applicable to individuals, families, groups, and systems and methods to promote effective implementation of services.

Domain 3: Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports- School psychologists have knowledge of biological, cultural, and social influences on academic skills; human learning, cognitive, and developmental processes; and evidence-based curricula and instructional strategies.

Domain 4: Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions- School psychologists have knowledge of biological, cultural, developmental, and social influences on behavior and mental health, behavioral and emotional impacts on learning and life skills, and evidence-based strategies to promote social-emotional functioning and mental health.

Domain 5: School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning- School psychologists have knowledge of school and systems structure, organization, and theory; general and special education; technology resources; and evidence-based school practices that promote learning and mental health. 2

Domain 6: Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools- School psychologists have knowledge of principles and research related to resilience and risk factors in learning and mental health, services in schools and communities to support multitiered prevention, and evidence-based strategies for effective crisis response.

Domain 7: Family, School, and Community Collaboration- School psychologists have knowledge of principles and research related to family systems, strengths, needs, and culture; evidence-based strategies to support family influences on children's learning and mental health; and strategies to develop collaboration between families and schools.

Domain 8: Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations- School psychologists have knowledge of individual differences, abilities, disabilities, and other diverse student characteristics; principles and research related to diversity factors for children, families, and schools, including factors related to culture, context, and individual and role difference; and evidence-based strategies to enhance services and address potential influences related to diversity.

Domain 9: Research and Evidence-Based Practice- School psychologists have knowledge of research design, statistics, measurement, varied data collection and analysis techniques, and program evaluation sufficient for understanding research and interpreting data in applied settings.

Domain 10: Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice- School psychologists have knowledge of the history and foundations of school psychology; multiple service models and methods; ethical, legal, and professional standards; and other factors related to professional identity and effective practice as school psychologists.

Application Procedures

Applications

Applications for admission to M.S. in Ed., School Psychologist are found online at the Graduate Admissions website. The Office of Admissions will keep you up to date on the status of your application via postings through the online system. Please check with the Graduate Admissions office to ensure that all materials have been received.

Please forward all graduate application supplementary materials to graddocs@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Should you have application questions, you may visit the Admissions Information Center, or call **(718) 951-5001**. The deadline for submission of the completed applications and supporting materials is **March 1**.

The admission process has two levels. In the first level of screening, the admissions committee examines the completed application, which includes official transcripts, two letters of recommendation (one or both should be from a professor), a personal statement, and a resume. Following this initial screening, applicants who meet or exceed admission requirements and demonstrate potential and promise as a future school psychologist will be invited to campus for an interview. At this stage, faculty and students interview eligible applicants. GRE scores are not required. Applicants who do not meet minimal admission requirements (e.g., GPA below minimum 3.0) are strongly encouraged to explain their academic/professional record and clarify why they believe they would be successful in a rigorous graduate training program. Evidence of recent high grades (As & high Bs) is important to the admissions committee.

Admission to the Advanced Certificate Program requires a separate application completed in the final semester of the M.S. in Ed., School Psychologist.

Matriculation Requirements

Applicants for admission will be required to meet the general admission requirements of Brooklyn College and the specific matriculation requirements under the School of Education for the Master of Science Degree in Education and the Advanced Certificate. The Program's prerequisite course requirements are:

1. Applicants must have completed a program of undergraduate work including:

Course	Timeline for completion	Brooklyn College equivalent
Statistics in Psychology	Complete before beginning program	PSYC 3400

Developmental or Lifespan Psychology	Complete before beginning program	PSYC 2210
Psychological Tests and Measurements	Complete before beginning program	CBSE 7010 or PSYC 3850
Education course in reading instruction or reading disabilities	Complete before beginning of second year in program	SPCL 7941

College regulations require both full and part-time candidates to complete outstanding prerequisites within one year after beginning the program. However, all candidates must complete (1) *Tests and Measurement*, (2) *Statistics* and (3) *Developmental, Child/Adolescent and/or Educational Psychology* before entering the program. In addition, all full-time candidates must complete the education course in *Reading Instruction or Reading Disorders* before beginning their second year, and part-time candidates must complete this course before beginning their third year. Candidates with outstanding prerequisites after their first year of study cannot register for the second year. In addition, pre-requisite courses must have a grade of C or higher from any accredited institution.

When taking prerequisite courses at another college, you may do so as a non-degree candidate. Upon completion of the course(s), bring a transcript or grade report as proof of completion to the School Psychology Office. Do not ask the college to transfer the grade to us.

2. The Graduate Division requires candidates for matriculation to hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and have completed an approved undergraduate program of study with an overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0. Evidence: official transcript.
3. Applicants must present evidence of their commitment and potential for developing effective relationships with children, youth, and adults from diverse backgrounds and abilities. Evidence: personal statement, letters of recommendation, resume, writing sample, interview.
4. Applicants for the bilingual-multicultural specialization must, in addition to the above, present fluency in the second language and pass New York State BEA tests.

Conditions on Transfer Credit

In order to use courses for transfer credit, courses must be less than five-years old, completed with a grade of B or higher, and may not have been applied toward a degree earned previously.

According to the Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin, "*The college limits the total number of transfer credits that can be counted toward a degree, whether the courses are from CUNY or non-CUNY schools. Students may receive transfer credit for up to 40 percent of the credits required for a degree.*"

Candidates may receive transfer credit in graduate courses completed at other accredited graduate institutions **if approved by the department** and taken within the specified time limit. The course(s) must be equivalent to the course(s) offered by the School Psychologist Graduate Program and evaluated by the professor who typically teaches the course and Program Coordinator. To obtain transfer credit, submit syllabus, catalog description, and official transcript to the School Psychology Office.

Candidates applying for transfer credit must review the request with the School Psychology Office who will supply the application.

M.S. in Education Course Requirements

Program classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday during day and evening hours. Classes are often scheduled from 4:30 - 10:00 P.M. in order to accommodate candidates who work during the morning and early afternoon hours (i.e., part-time students). We aim to schedule full-time students to be on campus three days a week, and part-time students two days a week. Students in the bilingual program may have to attend classes on an additional day. Classes for part-time candidates start at 4:30 or later. Although schedules rarely require a candidate to be on campus four days a week, candidates need to be able to devote significant time to class assignments. Full-time students should be available to attend classes in the early afternoon. Please consider this in planning work schedules and other commitments. Full-time students are not permitted to work full-time while in the program due to the significant time requirements for the courses. Full-time students may work up to 15-20 hours per week.

M.S. in Ed. Courses

Candidates are eligible for the Master's Degree in Education for School Psychologists upon successful completion of 33 credits from the following courses. Although the requirement for the M.S. in Education is 33 credits, all the courses below must be completed. The remaining credits will be applied to the Advanced Certificate. In order to take the following courses, candidates must be matriculated in the program and have permission of program coordinator.

7931T Practicum in School Psychology I

15 hours plus 100 hours supervised fieldwork; 2 credits

Field experience in the role and functions of the school psychologist with culturally diverse students, groups, and colleagues.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, and permission of the program head/coordinator

Corequisite: SPCL 7920X

7932T Practicum in School Psychology II

15 hours plus 100 hours supervised fieldwork; 2 credits

Field experience in the role and functions of the school psychologist with culturally diverse children, groups, colleagues, and families in educational and/or clinical settings.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7931T, and permission of the program head

Corequisite: SPCL 7921X, SPCL 7923X

7903T Problems and Practices in School Psychology

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

History and foundations of school psychology. Role of the school psychologist as related to curriculum, school administration, evaluation, and other issues. Educational policies and their effects on urban, multicultural schools. Ethical, professional and legal standards.

7922T Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in the Schools

45 hours; 3 credits

Clinical skills necessary for pupil personnel services providers to work effectively with multilingual and culturally diverse populations. This experience-based course will develop awareness of cultural, linguistic, and ethnic factors that influence and shape behavior and development. Personal history, literature, and films will be analyzed in the contexts of acculturation and identity. Current research and theoretical and applied knowledge in this field will be reviewed. Students will integrate theoretical and applied knowledge in written assignments and presentations.

Prerequisite: Permission of the program head/coordinator

7900X Theories of Human Development

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

Contemporary theories of child development. Biological, behavioral, social and cultural approaches to the study of human development in multicultural contexts. Dimensions of human identity including race, ethnicity, culture, sex and gender.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, permission of the program head.

7923X Consultation in the Schools

30 hours plus 30 hours conference; 3 credits

School-based consultation, with emphasis on a variety of models; acquisition of clinical skills; theoretical bases; exploration of skills and attitudes necessary for working with culturally diverse groups; application of consulting knowledge and skills in both laboratory and field situations; exploration of recent developments, trends, and research in consultation.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7900X and permission of the program head/coordinator.

Corequisite: SPCL 7932T

7907X Neuropsychology of Learning

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

This course is designed to review the neurophysiological and neuropsychological bases of behavior as it pertains to developmental disorders. Students will identify functional neuroanatomy, neuroimaging techniques, medications, and various neurological and neuropsychological disorders. Students will apply findings and research to contemporary problems and issues facing school psychologists.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7900X, and permission of the program head/coordinator.

7901X Developmental Psychopathology

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

Patterns of adjustment and maladjustment to school environments including: behavior disorders, attention deficits, truancy and addictions. Focus on observation, functional behavioral assessment and contextually relevant intervention approaches. Intensive study of illustrative and case material.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program and permission of the program head.

7910X Cognitive and Academic Assessment I

45 hours lecture plus 30 hours conference; 4 credits

Assessment of cognitive abilities, aptitude, and achievement. Administration, scoring, and interpretation of standardized and clinical procedures through lecture and laboratory work. Integration of data from assessment with other sources to produce effective educational recommendations. Critical perspectives on psychoeducational assessment including limitations of contemporary instruments, potential adverse effects of assessment policies, and alternative procedures.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, and permission of the program head/coordinator.

7911X Cognitive and Academic Assessment II

30 hours lecture plus 30 hours and conference; 3 credits

Theories and research findings regarding children who have difficulty learning in school. Diagnosis, etiology and interventions for children with learning difficulties. Evaluation and interpretation of assessment and contextual factors in learning difficulties.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7910X with a grade of B- or better, and permission of the program head.

7912X Social and Adaptive Behavioral Assessment

45 hours lecture plus 30 hours conference; 4 credits

Administration, scoring, and interpretation of measures of adaptive behavior and personality. Representative projective techniques, objective personality and behavior assessments, and adaptive behavior measures are introduced and administered. Research findings and critiques pertaining to the most commonly used personality and adaptive behavioral assessments are discussed throughout. Field-based assignments are required.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7910X with a grade of B- or better, 7911X with a grade of B- or better, and permission of the program head/coordinator

7913X Integration of Assessment and Report Writing

30 hours lecture plus 30 hours conference; 3 credits

Interpretation and integration of findings from evaluations, including cognitive, achievement (both standardized and curriculum-based), personality and behavioral assessment. Report writing and formulation of IEP goals are stressed. Field-based assignments are required.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7910X with a grade of B- or better, SPCL 7911X with a grade of B- or better, SPCL 7912X with a grade of B- or better and permission of the program head/coordinator.

7915X Behavioral Assessment and Intervention

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

This course is designed to provide students with knowledge and understanding of behavioral assessment and intervention strategies. Students will learn and review the fundamentals of human learning, according to behavioral and learning theorists. Students will then apply principles of learning to the classroom, for assessment, intervention, and evaluation purposes. This course prepares students to use collaborative problem solving in the application of behavioral techniques.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program and permission of the program head.

7920X Theory and Practice of Mental Health Counseling in Schools

60 hours; 4 credits

Approaches to the theory and practice of mental health counseling in schools. Counseling functions and other mental health practices of the school psychologist. Supervised experiential in-class counseling skills exercises. Field-based experiences are required.

Prerequisite: matriculation in and completion of 15 credits in the school psychologist program and permission of the program head. *Corequisite:* SPCL 7931T

7921X Counseling Children and Families

60 hours; 4 credits

This course prepares school psychology candidates to counsel children and families within a school context. Topics to be addressed include: approaches to counseling and intervention modalities, play therapy, group counseling, and counseling children with special needs; family systems approaches, school-parent interactions, cultural and community factors. Analysis and exploration of diverse family structures. Teacher-parent/s, parent/s-child, sibling-child relations, collaboration, and community resources for the child. Emphasis on urban and cultural perspectives, development of school- parent-community partnerships. Supervised experiential in-class counseling skills exercises. Field-based experiences are required.

Prerequisite: SPCL 7920X [733X], matriculation in and completion of 15 credits in the school psychologist program, and permission of the program head. *Corequisite:* SPCL 7932T [704.2T]

7906X Instructional Interventions in Schools

45 hours; 3 credits

Policies regulating curriculum development and practices. School based curriculum evaluation and models of curriculum based assessment applied to instructional accommodations and assistive technologies. Differentiation of instruction and other curriculum modifications for all students including students with special needs and English Language Learners. Learning strategies and approaches to

literacy instruction.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program and SPCL 7900X and permission of the program head.

Advanced Certificate: School Psychologist Degree Requirements

Matriculation Requirements for the Advanced Certificate Program

Applicants must present an M.S. in Education degree for school psychologist or the appropriate equivalent as well as the requirements described above under M.S. in Education degree for school psychologist. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have met the required professional competencies (see section XIIIc below) to be accepted for matriculation in the Advanced Certificate Program. A formal application is required. For candidates who completed the M.S. in Ed. for school psychologists at another college, additional courses may be required.

Candidates in the Advanced Certificate Program must complete a 1200-hour internship with at least 600 hours completed in a school setting in their last year in the Program. This is a major time commitment and precludes full-time employment during the internship year.

A candidate will be eligible for provisional New York State Certification as School Psychologist upon successful completion of 27 credits of the following courses. In order to take the following courses, candidates must be matriculated in the program and have permission of program head.

Advanced Certificate in School Psychology Courses

SPCL 7904T Research Seminar in School Psychology

30 hours plus conference; 2 credits

Introduction to research design in school psychology. Quantitative and qualitative methods are studied by surveying representative articles in the literature. Critical perspectives on social science research. Students formulate and discuss a research design.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, permission of the program head/coordinator.

7905X Applied Theory and Research Seminar in School Psychology

45 hours plus conference; 2 credits

Continuation of the study of educational research and methodology and completion of an independent research project related to an area of school psychology.

Prerequisites: SPCL 7904T, matriculation in the school psychologist program, and permission of the program head.

7933X Internship in School Psychology I

600 hours supervised fieldwork plus 15 hours supervision on campus; 3 credits

Supervised experience in the clinical and educational functions of the school psychologist in diverse settings. Field experience provides context for supervised integration of previously acquired competencies and professional approaches to the functions of school psychology.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7932 with a grade of B or better, and permission of the program head/coordinator.

7934X. Internship in School Psychology II

600 hours supervised fieldwork plus 15 hours supervision on campus; 3 credits

Supervised experience in the clinical functions of the school psychologist in diverse settings. Field experience provides context for supervised integration of previously acquired competencies and professional approaches to the functions of school psychology.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program, SPCL 7932 with a grade of B or better, SPCL 7933X with a grade of B or better, and permission of the program head/coordinator.

Practicum Requirements

Practicum in School Psychology I and II (SPCL 7931T and 7932T) are required two-credit courses in which candidates minimally spend 100 hours per semester in the field with on-site supervision and attend a weekly seminar at the college. Candidates assigned to schools for Practicum have an opportunity to work in these settings under the supervision of permanently certified school psychologists or licensed psychologists. Practicum is a beginning pre-professional, performance-based experience in which candidates provide only those services for which they have received specific training. In addition to a minimum of one hour of supervision provided by the appropriately credentialed Practicum supervisor, the Program will provide weekly supervision in the form of a group seminar. Practicum candidates generally stay at their site for the entire academic year. See *Practicum Manual* for details regarding Practicum requirements.

Internship Requirements

The internship in school psychology is the culminating experience that requires candidates to apply and integrate, under conditions of appropriate supervision, the full range of school psychology knowledge and competencies acquired in their extensive course work in prevention, assessment, intervention, and research. The New York State Education Department requires the school psychology internship for certification as a school psychologist, and the National Association of School Psychologists requires the school psychology internship for National Certification in School Psychology (NCSP). Candidates assigned to schools and agencies for internships in school psychology have an opportunity to work in appropriate settings under the supervision of permanently certified school psychologists. The internship experience occurs on a full-time basis over a period of one academic year, or over a period of two consecutive academic years on a half-time basis. Candidates are required to complete at least **1,200 hours** over the course of their internship. At least 600 hours must be completed in an approved school setting in which the primary goal is the education of preschool through 12th grade students with diverse backgrounds, characteristics, abilities, disabilities, and needs. Although we encourage candidates to complete their entire internship in a school setting, the remaining 600 hours can be completed in an agency performing work relevant to school psychology. Twelve hundred hours is a minimum requirement, and candidates are encouraged to log as many additional internship hours as may be

feasible. Note that other states may have longer internship hour requirements, including up to 1500 hours, and it is up to the candidate to investigate these requirements if relocation to another state is a consideration.

Candidates should be aware that 1,200 hours over 10 months is the equivalent of a full-time job. The time demands of internship make it impossible for candidates to maintain full-time employment in another field. Candidates who chose to look outside the greater New York City metropolitan area may find paid internships that would cover your costs for that year. Conversely, most internships within or near New York City are unpaid or offer a minimal stipend.

To successfully complete the internship courses, students must show competency (**defined as a grade of 80 or higher out of 100**) on the following assignments: Activity logs/reflection, supervision participation, site evaluation, Functional Behavioral Assessment, Psychoeducational Report/IEP, Counseling Case Study, Consultation Case Study, Academic Intervention. Interns are also required to take the ETS Praxis II examination in School Psychology as part of their internship course.

Interns will need to complete New York State mandated workshops in child abuse, violence prevention, and the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop in order to be eligible for the NYS certification upon graduation.

The program has a long history of solid relationships with many schools and agencies in New York City and the larger metropolitan area, including Long Island, Westchester, and New Jersey, as well as other states. Candidates are responsible for finding their own field sites with assistance from the Field Coordinator. Online files containing descriptions of site activities and intern reactions to sites are also available to assist candidates in finding an appropriate internship site. Candidates are free to find sites not previously used by Program candidates, as long as the site meets the *Criteria for School Psychology Internship Placements*. The internship site cannot be within the same district or non-school setting as a student's practicum placement. See *Internship Manual* for details regarding requirements.

School Psychologist Bilingual-Multicultural Specialization

General Information

Candidates with bilingual proficiency (oral language, reading, and writing) can complete a School Psychologist Bilingual-Multicultural Specialization, leading to a certificate with a bilingual extension. The School Psychologist Bilingual-Multicultural Specialization requires 66 credits, the 60-credit school psychologist sequence, and two additional courses (6 credits) emphasizing bilingual and multicultural assessment and intervention. Candidates are also required to do their internship in bilingual-multicultural sites and receive supervision from bilingual school psychologists. Candidates in the Bilingual-Multicultural Specialization will need to demonstrate proficiency in both English and a second language by passing New York State tests. The bilingual specialization can be taken through full-time (3 years) or part-time (4 years) study. Candidates who received their school psychology training at another university and are only enrolled in the bilingual specialization must also take SPCL 7922T, Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in the Schools.

Bilingual Courses

7823T Seminar in Bilingual School Counseling

45 hours; 3 credits

Examination of issues and techniques relevant to providing counseling services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) individuals. Content and activities of the course are organized to meet the needs of practicing guidance workers. Theory and experiential activities.

Prerequisite: identified in degree requirements in the M.S. in Education program in School Counseling

7914X Psychological Assessment of Diverse Students

45 hours; 3 credits

Psychoeducational assessment of English language learners and culturally diverse children and adolescents. Approaches to nonbiased assessment, including testing in the child's native language, bilingual testing, adaptation of standardized instruments and techniques, and dynamic assessment. Students will administer psychoeducational assessment batteries to language-minority individuals, interpret test data, and write reports. Field-based assignments.

Prerequisite: matriculation in the school psychologist program and SPCL 7910X, 7911X and 7912X, and permission of the program head/coordinator.

Bilingual Internship

The following additional requirements apply to candidates completing the Bilingual-Multicultural Specialization. In addition to meeting the internship requirements described above, bilingual candidates are expected to work in both English and their target language. Candidates are required to spend 1,200 hours in a school or agency performing work related to school psychology. **At least 600 of these hours must be completed in an approved bilingual/multicultural setting. At least 600 hours must be completed in a school setting.** This is a minimum requirement, and candidates are encouraged to log as many additional internship hours as may be feasible. Field-based supervisors of bilingual interns must be fluent in the same target language as the intern, employed by the agency in which they supervise the intern, and possess a bilingual extension and permanent state certification as a school psychologist.

Language Proficiency

Bilingual candidates must pass the **New York State Bilingual Education Assessment (BEA) before taking SPCL 7914X.** The test is administered by the New York State Education Department. The BEA is required of candidates seeking a bilingual extension to a certificate.

U.S. Citizenship

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) typically requires U.S. citizenship for permanent certification. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the NYSED for current certification requirements regarding U.S. citizenship.

Program Plans

Typical Program for Degree and Certificate: Three Year

	COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
FALL 1			
	7910X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment I	4
	7900X	Theories of Human Development	3
	7922T	Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in Schools	3
	7903T	Problems & Practices in School Psychology	3
		TOTAL	13
SPRING 1			
	7911X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment II	3
	7901X	Developmental Psychopathology	3
	7915X	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	3
	7907X	Neuropsychology of Learning	3
		TOTAL	12
FALL 2			
	7912X	Social and Adaptive Behavioral Assessment	4
	7931T	Practicum in School Psychology I	2
	7906X	Instructional Interventions in Schools	3
	7920X	Theory and Practice of Mental Health Counseling in Schools	4
		TOTAL	13
SPRING 2			
	7932T	Practicum in School Psychology II	2
	7913X	Integration of Assessment and Report Writing	3
	7923X	Consultation in the Schools	3
	7921X	Counseling Children and Families	4
		TOTAL	12
FALL 3			
	7933X	Internship in School Psychology I	3
	7904T	Crisis Intervention and Prevention Research in Schools	2
		TOTAL	5
SPRING 3			
	7934X	Internship in School Psychology II	3
	7905X	Research Seminar in School Psychology II	2
		TOTAL	5
		Total Credits in Program	60

Typical Program for Degree and Certificate: Three Year –Bilingual Specialization

	COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
FALL 1			
	7910X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment I	4
	7900X	Theories of Human Development	3
	7922T	Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in Schools	3
	7903T	Problems & Practices in School Psychology	3
		TOTAL	13
SPRING 1			
	7911X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment II	3
	7901X	Developmental Psychopathology	3
	7915X	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	3
	7907X	Neuropsychology of Learning	3
	7823X	Seminar in Bilingual School Counseling	3
		TOTAL	15
FALL 2			
	7912X	Social and Adaptive Behavioral Assessment	4
	7931T	Practicum in School Psychology I	2
	7906X	Instructional Interventions in Schools	3
	7920X	Theory and Practice of Mental Health Counseling in Schools	4
		TOTAL	13
SPRING 2			
	7932T	Practicum in School Psychology II	2
	7913X	Integration of Assessment and Report Writing	3
	7923X	Consultation in the Schools	3
	7921X	Counseling Children and Families	4
	7914X	Psychological Assessment of Diverse Students	3
		TOTAL	15
FALL 3			
	7933X	Internship in School Psychology I	3
	7904T	Crisis Intervention and Prevention Research in Schools	2
		TOTAL	5
SPRING 3			
	7934X	Internship in School Psychology II	3
	7905X	Research Seminar in School Psychology II	2
		TOTAL	5
		Total Credits in Program	66

Typical Program for Degree and Certificate: Four Year

	COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
FALL 1			
	7910X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment I	4
	7900X	Theories of Human Development	3
		TOTAL	7
SPRING 1			
	7911X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment II	3
	7901X	Developmental Psychopathology	3
		TOTAL	6
FALL 2			
	7912X	Social and Adaptive Behavioral Assessment	4
	7922T	Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in Schools	3
	7903T	Problems & Practices in School Psychology	3
		TOTAL	10
SPRING 2			
	7913X	Integration of Assessment and Report Writing	3
	7915X	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	3
	7907X	Neuropsychology of Learning	3
		TOTAL	9
FALL 3			
	7931T	Practicum in School Psychology I	2
	7906X	Instructional Interventions in Schools	3
	7920X	Theory and Practice of Mental Health Counseling in Schools	4
		TOTAL	9
SPRING 3			
	7932T	Practicum in School Psychology II	2
	7923X	Consultation in the Schools	3
	7921X	Counseling Children and Families	4
		TOTAL	9
FALL 4			
	7933X	Internship in School Psychology I	3
	7904X	Research Seminar in School Psychology II	2
		TOTAL	5
SPRING 4			
	7934X	Internship in School Psychology II	3
	7905X	Research Seminar in School Psychology II	2
		TOTAL	5
		Total Credits in Program	60

Typical Program for Degree and Certificate: Four Year –Bilingual Specialization

	COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
FALL 1			
	7910X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment I	4
	7900X	Theories of Human Development	3
		TOTAL	7
SPRING 1			
	7911X	Cognitive and Academic Assessment II	3
	7901X	Developmental Psychopathology	3
	7823X	Seminar in Bilingual School Counseling	3
		TOTAL	9
FALL 2			
	7912X	Social and Adaptive Behavioral Assessment	4
	7922T	Multicultural Counseling and Consultation in Schools	3
	7903T	Problems & Practices in School Psychology	3
		TOTAL	10
SPRING 2			
	7913X	Integration of Assessment and Report Writing	3
	7915X	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention	3
	7907X	Neuropsychology of Learning	3
		TOTAL	9
FALL 3			
	7931T	Practicum in School Psychology I	2
	7906X	Instructional Interventions in Schools	3
	7920X	Theory and Practice of Mental Health Counseling in Schools	4
		TOTAL	9
SPRING 3			
	7932T	Practicum in School Psychology II	2
	7923X	Consultation in the Schools	3
	7921X	Counseling Children and Families	4
	7914X	Psychological Assessment of Diverse Students	3
		TOTAL	12
FALL 4			
	7933X	Internship in School Psychology I	3
	7904T	Crisis Intervention and Prevention Research in Schools	2
		TOTAL	5
SPRING 4			
	7934X	Internship in School Psychology II	3
	7905X	Research Seminar in School Psychology II	2
		TOTAL	5
		Total Credits in Program	66

Monitoring Candidate Progress

Grades and GPA Requirements

Students should be familiar with the policies outlined in the Brooklyn College Graduate Bulletin in effect at the time of matriculation (Current and past bulletins may be found here:

<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/enrollment/registrar/bulletins.php>). Full-time status at the graduate level is defined as taking at least 12 credits. Master's students may not register for more than 15 graduate credits a semester or more than 6 graduate credits in either of the two summer sessions without special permission from the department and the Office of Academic Standing. It is the experience of the Program that many candidates have difficulty satisfactorily completing their work when they are over committed. **Full-time students are not allowed to work full-time while in the Program. Full-time students may work a maximum of 15-20 hours per week while in the program.** Candidates with full-time jobs and/or other extensive time commitments must enroll in the part-time track.

Students must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 to be retained in the graduate program. An academic monitoring stop will be placed on graduate students whose GPA falls below a 3.0 during their initial semester of enrollment in a graduate program at the College. Students whose GPA falls below 3.0 in any semester after their first semester of enrollment in a graduate program will be placed on academic probation. Students will be dismissed if, after attempting a maximum of 12 additional credits, their cumulative grade point average remains below the required 3.0. In addition, a grade point average greater than or equal to 3.0 per semester must be maintained during the 12 credits of probation. The student's graduate program may specify the courses which must be taken and the program may impose a credit limit per semester. Students on academic probation whose term grade point average falls below 3.0 will be dismissed whether or not 12 credits have been completed. INC grades are not permitted while on probation. The Office of the Registrar will notify the student that he or she has been dismissed from the program and will be barred from further registration in the program. The Office of Academic Standing monitors the GPAs of all graduate students at the end of the fall and spring semesters. **A student who earns 6 credits below B- cannot be awarded an M.S. in Education or Advanced Certificate in this program.**

Timely submission of work is an important professional attribute. Therefore, candidates receive grades of incomplete (INC) only when a situation beyond their control (i.e., emergency) prevents them from completing course work. Candidates must document personal or family emergencies that prevent timely submission of assignments. In such cases, contact your professor(s) immediately to let them know about the emergency as well as when to expect the missing assignment. The date mutually decided upon by candidate and faculty becomes a contract. Thus, if a student does not submit the missing assignment by the agreed upon date, the candidate will receive a zero for the assignment, which will lower the subsequent final grade submitted to the Registrar. Although candidates must contact the professor personally, they must also request the INC grade and subsequent deadline for submitting work in writing. Students must clear an incomplete grade in a course that is a prerequisite for another course before the candidate can enter the next course. An INC grade will revert to a FIN (failing) grade if a grade change is not submitted before the end of the next semester.

Residency Requirement

Residency enables graduate students to maintain close and continuous involvement with faculty, professional colleagues, and other graduate students in the field. It also provides time for reading, reflection, and research appropriate for advanced professional training. The faculty has created several

activities to satisfy the residency requirement. You must complete the Residency Requirement Form in fall of your first year in the program. On the form, you will indicate at least one (1) method of fulfilling the residency (note: you may choose more than one method and are encouraged to do so, but at least one must be satisfactorily fulfilled to meet the requirement). Students must fulfill the residency requirement before their internship year.

1. **Attend Advisory Group meetings.**

This is a requirement for all students. You must attend at least one meeting during a semester.

2. **Professional Activities.**

You must also complete item (d) below. However, if you participate in (a) and/or (b), your total conference time requirement is reduced:

(a) Work with faculty on research/professional project.

This option requires a student to meet with a professor with whom he or she share a research or professional interest, and develop a project that the student will pursue, under supervision of that professor. If interested in pursuing this option, it is important that you arrange a meeting with your professor early in September so you can discuss the project and timeline.

(b) Work with faculty as a teaching assistant. You can approach faculty, particularly in the assessment sequence, and ask to serve as a TA if you have already taken the class. You should have performed well in this class and have mastery of the subject matter. Alternatively, faculty may ask you to serve.

(c) Service to the program, college, or profession. Most service to the program, college or profession is applicable. Examples include but are not limited to, serving on the executive board of GASP, assisting in the admissions process, assisting with the test kit library and/or protocols, and serving on the School Psychology and/or Dean's Advisory Board.

(d) Attend/present at NASP or other professional conference.

To fulfill this option, a student must attend the equivalent of 2 full days or 4 half days at a NASP conference, regional school psychology conference, or a local conference with relevance to the practice of school psychology (**this requirement is reduced to 1 full day (8 hours) if you also checked (a), (b), and/or (c) above**). For students who attend the National Association of School Psychologist's Annual Convention for two full days or present at a conference, this requirement would be fulfilled in its entirety.

Note that for the options above, a student must secure his or her advisor's signature when choosing your residency options, and then have the final plan signed again when completed. Students will then submit the form to the program coordinator for final signature, indicating you have met your residency requirement.

IMPORTANT: The residency requirement must be met before you are certified as eligible for internship.

Professional Competencies for School Psychologists

Program faculty is ultimately responsible to the students and families our graduates serve. Therefore, the Program is committed to ensuring that only qualified candidates who meet professional standards of conduct and training will enter the profession. To that end faculty reviews candidate progress on an ongoing basis. The purpose of monitoring candidate progress is to provide a continuous evaluation of candidate development and performance, professional behavior, and the ability to provide school psychological services, as well as supply candidates with feedback related to their professional behavior.

Each semester faculty reviews transcripts and progress for each candidate at a faculty meeting. Faculty discusses candidates who are experiencing academic difficulties, problems with professional behavior, or difficulties with professional practice. If there is sufficient concern, the candidate is asked to discuss faculty's concerns with his or her faculty advisor and/or program coordinator. The purpose of this meeting is to clarify candidate progress, problem solve, and formulate recommendations for candidate development. The candidate and advisor create a document that includes a clear description of the behavior(s) that require change, a plan to create that change, and criteria for measuring the change. The faculty advisor keeps track of candidate progress and reports on that progress at subsequent faculty meetings.

Faculty members are bound by the ethical codes of the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists to ensure that graduates entering the field meet high standards. The Program is committed to ensuring that only qualified candidates meeting professional standards of conduct and training enter the profession. Such consideration requires us to look beyond academic work and consider personal characteristics critical to being a successful school psychologist. In selecting candidates for our program, we attend closely to these requirements. Throughout the three or four years in the program, we continue to monitor professional competencies of students. Competencies include but are not limited to the following.

Program Expectations

1. The student conducts self in a manner that is consistent with APA and NASP ethical codes.
2. The student actively listens and participates in class discussions.
3. The student is responsible with respect to punctuality, attendance, completion of assignments, and accountability to peers and staff.

Maturity

1. The student demonstrates appropriate self-control (such as anger and impulse control) in interpersonal relationships with faculty, peers, and clients.
2. The student demonstrates honesty, fairness, and respect for others.
3. The student demonstrates awareness of her/his own belief systems, values, needs, and limitations and effect of these on her/his work interactions with others.
4. The student demonstrates the ability to receive, integrate, and use feedback appropriately.
5. The student exhibits appropriate levels of self-assurance, confidence, and trust in own ability commensurate with level of training.

6. The student seeks to resolve conflicts by addressing the issue(s) informally and respectfully with the individual(s) involved in the conflict.

Integrity

1. The student does not make verbal or written statements, which are false, misleading, or deceptive.
2. The student respects the fundamental rights, dignity, and worth of others.
3. The student respects the rights of individuals to privacy, confidentiality, and choice regarding self-determination and autonomy.
4. The student respects individual differences, including those stemming from age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status.

On rare occasion, faculty determines that a student's professional competencies do not serve the best interests of the community and the children served by school psychologists. When this happens, the student is required to meet with faculty to devise a plan to correct the situation. In most cases, the student adjusts his or her behavior and the situation is resolved. However, in cases where a student does not correct the behavior and, thus, is not qualified for admission to the school psychology profession because of factors other than academic standing, faculty may terminate a student's enrollment or decline to award a degree or credential. This occurs after the Plan for Professional Competencies for School Psychologists has been conducted and failed to remedy the behavior(s).

Internship Portfolio Assignments

The objective of this assignment is to demonstrate that the intern has had an impact on student learning and mastered competencies in school psychology. With this objective in mind, interns are required to complete the following portfolio assignments. More information can be found in the *Internship Manual*.

Daily Activity Logs

The objective for keeping a log is to provide evidence of the depth and breadth of the internship experience. They include the recorded time of day and activity for each task completed during the day and identify each activity related to the Domains of School Psychology Training and Practice by placing the domain number next to the activity.

Weekly Reflections

Weekly written reflections' objective is fostering enhanced professional and personal self-reflection. Interns are required to reflect on their clinical experiences and to evaluate their professional behaviors/consider alternative behaviors.

Functional Behavior Assessment

The objective of this assignment is to demonstrate that the intern has had an impact on student learning. Functional behavior assessment is an information-gathering process by which information about a student is collected from multiple sources to determine the cause of a student's behavior and its relationship to the environment. The functional assessment must incorporate a functional analysis – structural and/or consequence analysis. Both functional assessments must culminate in an intervention plan, which may also have multiple levels. The plan must be implemented early enough so that ongoing benchmark data can be collected, and interventions can be redesigned if necessary. Interns will also

develop a parent resource handout based on the FBA-BIP. This assignment will also require a home-school collaboration by partnering with families to help improve behavioral outcomes both at school and at home. To this end, this project involves providing parents with feedback and a resource handout (based on the FBA-BIP) to help generalize gains made in school to the home. The handout should include parenting strategies and resources for further reading.

Psychoeducational Report/Individual Educational Plan

The objective of this assignment is to demonstrate intern's impact on student learning via psychoeducational evaluation, which is translated into socio-academic services supporting the student's learning, emotional health and/or school achievement. Interns will submit a full evaluation report (cognitive, achievement and socio-emotional sections included) and evidence of application of your findings (ex. IEP goals or an equivalent of an IEP).

Counseling Case Study

The objective of this assignment is to demonstrate intern's impact on student learning and socio-emotional well-being via counseling intervention. This written project will include a clinical case conceptualization achieved through data gathering and therapeutic assessment, as well as therapeutic work with a student. See the rubric for detailed information about this assignment.

Consultation Case Study

The objective of this assignment is to demonstrate intern's impact on student learning via a written record of a teacher consultation/collaboration aimed at improving socioemotional and/or academic student functioning. See the rubric for detailed information about this assignment.

Academic Intervention

This assignment is designed to provide evidence that the intern: (a) is aware of how children learn; (b) can design and implement an empirically-based intervention that is likely to enhance academic performance in one or more areas; and (c) can measure the effectiveness of interventions and use that data to modify interventions as needed. Interns will select an at-risk student (exhibiting academic difficulties) from their internship site. This project will include a functional analysis of the academic deficit and an intervention that addresses the difficulties.

Praxis II

All candidates in their last year of the program are required to take the National School Psychology Exam (Praxis II) given by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). More information can be found in the section on [National School Psychology Certification System](#).

Assessment by Transition Points

Transition Point	What is being assessed?	Assessment Tool	Data Source
Admission to M.S.Ed.	Undergraduate GPA	Transcripts	Application packet
	Graduate Work and GPA (if applicable)	Transcripts/Syllabi	Application package
	Prerequisite courses	Transcripts	Application package
	Experience	Resume	Application package
	Motivation, writing skills	Personal Statement	Application package
	Motivation, Professional Work Characteristics	Interview	Faculty

	Writing skill, Professional Work Characteristics	On-site writing sample	Faculty
Exit M.S.Ed.	GPA Professional Competencies	Transcript Rubric	CUNYFirst Faculty
Admissions Advanced Certificate	M.S. in Ed School Psychology GPA Maturing Effort in Practicum	Transcript Practicum Evaluation	CUNYFirst Faculty, Practicum Supervisor
Exit Advanced Certificate	Portfolio Maturing Effort in Internship Competence in Domains of Practice	Rubric Internship Evaluation Praxis II Examination	Faculty Faculty, Internship Site Supervisor ETS

Problem Solving and the Grade Appeal Process

Discuss concerns with your faculty advisor before issues become problematic and affect your functioning in the program. When candidates are experiencing a specific academic problem or concern, discuss these concerns first with the professor. When solutions cannot be generated in this way, the Program Coordinator is available to assist candidates.

Every program must follow a college-wide policy for grade appeals. A candidate who believes a final grade is incorrect should consult the professor immediately after learning the grade. If the professor does not recommend a change of grade, a candidate may request an appointment with the Program Coordinator. If a candidate remains unsatisfied, he or she may seek a review by the departmental grade appeal committee. A candidate who wishes to pursue the matter further may make a final appeal to the Faculty Council Committee on Graduate Admissions and Standards by filing a petition.

Advisement and Registration

Each candidate will be assigned a faculty advisor. Advisors will have semester meetings with their advisees to discuss programmatic, personal, and professional issues. Please make every effort to attend these meetings because they contribute to your growth as a professional school psychologist. In addition, you will be assigned a peer mentor. Please use this valuable resource as you move through the program. Peer mentors can be a useful source of information and support.

Candidates follow a planned sequence of coursework depending on whether they are part-time, full-time, or in the Bilingual-Multicultural specialization as outlined in Typical Programs. Consult with your faculty advisor if contemplating a change in course sequence. Any such changes require permission from the Program Coordinator. Each semester, candidates will be given their registration codes for the following semester. Dates and hours will be announced each semester, and students are expected to follow their course schedule.

It is the candidate's responsibility to keep the program updated with any changes or problems encountered in completing the coursework and requirements. Please advise the program office first,

before going to other college offices. Any changes in sequencing or unusual circumstances surrounding your program planning, such as transfer credits or adding/withdrawing from a course, must be reviewed and approved by the Program Coordinator. This will ensure that candidate records are accurate and updated at all times.

Communications

General Information

Communication between the faculty and candidates is accomplished in a number of ways. First, each faculty member has office hours posted on syllabi. Candidates can make an appointment to see faculty or stop in during office hours. Second, most announcements will be made through email and your requests can be handled most efficiently this way. Be sure that the office always has your current email and mailing address.

Accessing the Brooklyn College Library, Blackboard, and the online research courses from home require high-speed internet service. This service is available in the School Psychology Computer Lab and at other locations around the college.

Google Groups

The Program maintains an internal Google listserv that each candidate should visit frequently. It is your responsibility to check the Google listserv for information pertaining to meetings, registration, and deadlines. This is also an excellent way for candidates to communicate with each other and with faculty and staff. With access to the group, you can quickly email your classmates or faculty to retrieve a test kit, exchange an electronic file, or discuss practicum or internship sites. In addition, the faculty posts job announcements, as well as other articles of interest or files to be used in class. Emergency announcements about school cancellation or last minute assignment changes can be made here.

Upon admission, you will be added to the Google Group at your preferred email address.

BC WebCentral

WebCentral is maintained by Brooklyn College and allows one-stop access to BC web applications and services. You can access your degree progress report, class schedules, grades, forms, and many other useful tools. To set up your BC WebCentral Portal account, follow the steps below.

1. Go to <http://portal.brooklyn.edu> or from [the College's home page](#) click on the BC WebCentral Portal button.
2. Choose Create an Account under "New Users."
3. Once created, your new Central ID will give you access to all web applications and services within BC WebCentral.
4. **IMPORTANT:** Please verify your preferred email address at the end of step 4, since this address will be used by the college, and Blackboard, for all official email communications and grade mailings. You will also be able to change this email from the My Personal Info channel in BC WebCentral.

CUNY Blackboard

Blackboard is the on-line learning and course support tool used by the Brooklyn College community. Many courses are currently on Blackboard, which requires you to download course material. With access to Blackboard, candidates can submit assignments via the internet, easily communicate with professors, teaching assistants and fellow candidates via e-mail and real time chat, and view their grades. For more information on accessing your account, see:

<https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/core-functions/cuny-blackboard/>

Microsoft Office 365 for Education

For the duration of your time in the program, CUNY provides access to Microsoft Office 365 software for free, which will be helpful in completing assignments and utilized during the fieldwork process. For

more information, visit: <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/technology-services/microsoft-office-365-for-education/>

Facebook

The Program maintains a Facebook page which posts professional articles and links of interest to school psychologists, Program events and activities, and photographs of these events. The Facebook page is maintained by student members from GASP and the program coordinator. Students are encouraged to submit materials, links and photos to the Facebook page by sending these to the program coordinator to post. <https://www.facebook.com/BCSchoolPsych/>

Professional Organizations in School Psychology

Candidates are encouraged to join the major organizations and attend conferences in the field of school psychology. **Candidates must maintain a student membership in the National Association of School Psychologists throughout their years in the Program.** Professional organizations can be helpful in providing candidates with an orientation into the field, as well as ongoing professional development. Student memberships are relatively inexpensive. More information about these organizations is available on their websites.

- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP): <https://www.nasponline.org/>
- New York Association of School Psychologists (NYASP): <https://www.nyasp.org/>

National School Psychology Certification System

The National School Psychology Certification System was developed to create a nationally recognized standard (NASP Policy, 1988) for credentialing school psychologists. A wide range of credentialing requirements exists across states, creating a need to recognize school psychologists who meet national standards. The intent is to provide a national standard that can be used as a measure of professionalism by interested agencies, groups, and individuals. The responsibility for professional integrity and excellence remains with the individual school psychologist. It is further intended that national certification will encourage the continuing professional growth and development of Nationally Certified School Psychologists and will foster cooperation among groups actively involved in the credentialing of school psychologists. (NASP Website, 2003)

For information on how to apply for your NCSP designation, visit:

<https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/national-certification>

PRAXIS II Requirement

Passing the PRAXIS II in School Psychology is required for the NCSP application. For information on how to sign-up for this test and information about the exam, visit: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nasp>

In addition to listing Brooklyn College (code 2904) as your attending institution, **you must also designate the college as a score recipient**. List NASP as a score recipient by using the code "R1549".

Professional and Ethical Conduct

All school psychology candidates are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the ethical guidelines of both the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists. Please become familiar with these two documents. Ethical Guidelines can be obtained on the internet or by contacting each organization.

Become familiar with Brooklyn College's rules and regulations that affect graduate candidates. To do so, read the Brooklyn College Bulletin, especially for information pertaining to Academic Regulations and Procedures, and Student Rights and College Rules. Any questions regarding ethical conduct or College regulations should be directed to your faculty advisor.

Academic Integrity

Entering candidates are provided with an in-depth explanation of the college's academic integrity policy and will be asked to sign a pledge of academic integrity.

What is Academic Dishonesty?

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is using someone else's ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement. For example, verbatim copying of a passage from a book into a paper without quoting or citing the source is blatant plagiarism, as is downloading material from the internet without attribution. In addition, rewording someone else's work or ideas and using it as your own is also plagiarism. It is very important that candidates acknowledge all ideas, work and even distinctive wording that is not their own. However, certain information is considered "common knowledge" and may be used without acknowledgement. The informal nature of some writing may make it unnecessary to use formal citation, but still requires honest attribution to original authors of all borrowed materials. When in doubt, consult a professor. Candidates unsure of how to properly acknowledge a source should consult the APA Publication Manual. In its deliberations, the faculty considers the following to be evidence of plagiarism in a piece of writing: 1) the failure to put quotation marks around (or, when appropriate, to indent and to single-space) words, symbols, phrases, or sentences quoted verbatim from any source, whether published or not; 2) the failure to acknowledge one's use of reworded or restated material – even when loosely paraphrased; 3) the inclusion of another's data, ideas or arguments when not acknowledged by footnote or reference.

Multiple Submission: Multiple submissions are the use of work previously submitted at this or any other institution to fulfill academic requirements in another class. Slightly altered work that is resubmitted is also considered fraudulent. When submitting any work to an instructor for a course, it is assumed that the work was produced specifically for that course. Submissions of the same work in more than one course without prior approval are prohibited. If the courses are being taken concurrently, approval of the professors for both courses is required. If a student wishes to submit a paper, which was written for a course taken in a previous semester, the student need only obtain the permission of the professor teaching the current course.

False Citation: False citation is falsely citing a source or attributing work to a source from which the referenced material was not obtained.

False Data: False data is fabrication or alteration of data to deliberately mislead. For example, changing data to get better experimental results is academic fraud. This would also include falsifying data on an assessment protocol.

Falsification of Records: False records of any kind (for example, inaccurate logs of hours spent or activities conducted in field placements) constitute academic fraud.

We wish to acknowledge that the above description of academic dishonesty for school psychologists is based on material taken from the Honor Codes of the following schools: Rochester Institute of Technology; Swarthmore College; Vanderbilt University; University of Virginia.

CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity

On June 27, 2011, the Board of Trustees adopted the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity (<https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/legal-affairs/policies-resources/academic-integrity-policy/>).

The policy prohibits and sets forth definitions and examples of academic dishonesty, and outlines sanctions for violations. Listed below are the five categories of academic dishonesty that are prohibited, followed by the college's procedures for implementing the University policy.

CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity

Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion, as provided herein.

I. Definitions and Examples of Academic Dishonesty

Cheating is the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices or communication during an academic exercise.

The following are some examples of cheating, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying from another student during an examination or allowing another to copy your work.
- Unauthorized collaboration on a take home assignment or examination.
- Using notes during a closed book examination.
- Taking an examination for another student, or asking or allowing another student to take an examination for you.
- Changing a graded exam and returning it for more credit.
- Submitting substantial portions of the same paper to more than one course without consulting with each instructor.
- Preparing answers or writing notes in a blue book (exam booklet) before an examination.

- Allowing others to research and write assigned papers or do assigned projects, including use of commercial term paper services.
- Giving assistance to acts of academic misconduct/ dishonesty.
- Fabricating data (all or in part).
- Submitting someone else's work as your own.
- Unauthorized use during an examination of any electronic devices such as cell phones, palm pilots, computers or other technologies to retrieve or send information.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research or writings as your own. The following are some examples of plagiarism, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Copying another person's actual words without the use of quotation marks and footnotes attributing the words to their source.
- Presenting another person's ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source.
- Using information that is not common knowledge without acknowledging the source.
- Failing to acknowledge collaborators on homework and laboratory assignments.

Internet plagiarism includes submitting downloaded term papers or parts of term papers, paraphrasing or copying information from the internet without citing the source, and "cutting & pasting" from various sources without proper attribution.

Obtaining Unfair Advantage is any activity that intentionally or unintentionally gives a student an unfair advantage in his/her academic work over another student.

The following are some examples of obtaining an unfair advantage, but by no means it is an exhaustive list:

- Stealing, reproducing, circulating or otherwise gaining advance access to examination materials.
- Depriving other students of access to library materials by stealing, destroying, defacing, or concealing them.
- Retaining, using or circulating examination materials which clearly indicate that they should be returned at the end of the exam.
- Intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student's work.

Falsification of Records and Official Documents

The following are some examples of falsification, but by no means is it an exhaustive list:

- Forging signatures of authorization.
- Falsifying information on an official academic record.

- Falsifying information on an official document such as a grade report, letter of permission, drop/add form, ID card or other college document.

Adapted with permission from *Baruch College: A Faculty Guide to Student Academic Integrity*. The Baruch College document includes excerpts from University of California's web page entitled "The Academic Dishonesty Question: A Guide to an Answer through Education, Prevention, Adjudication and Obligation" by Prof. Harry Nelson.

II. METHODS FOR PROMOTING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- **Orientation sessions for all new faculty (full and part-time) and students** should incorporate a discussion of academic integrity. Packets containing information explaining the policy, the procedures that are in place, and examples of infractions should be distributed. These packets should be readily available, throughout the academic year, in the appropriate offices of the college and the locations of those offices should be widely publicized.

Colleges using additional resources to detect plagiarism should publicize these resources widely.

- **All college catalogs, student handbooks, and college websites** should include the CUNY and college academic integrity policy and the consequences of not adhering to it. The Policy on Academic Integrity, as adopted by the Board, shall be distributed to all students. **All syllabi and schedules of classes** should make reference to the CUNY and college's academic integrity policy and where they are published in full.

A "**Faculty Report**" form should be used throughout the University to report incidents of suspected academic dishonesty. (Sample attached) It is strongly recommended that the faculty member should report all such incidents by completing and submitting the form to the chief student affairs officer, the Academic Integrity Committee if the college has established one (see recommendation below), or other appropriate academic integrity official whom the college may designate (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Academic Integrity Official"). A follow-up form should be submitted to the student's academic integrity file by the adjudicating person or body once the suspected incident has been resolved pursuant to one of the methods described below. Although forms need not be uniform across the University, they need to be uniform within each college. The form should provide at least minimal information such as the name of the instructor and student, course name and number, date of incident, explanation of incident and the instructor's telephone/email contact information; it should be easy to use and process. Except as otherwise provided in the The CUNY Procedures, the Academic Integrity Official of each college should retain the forms for the purposes of identifying repeat offenders, gathering data, and assessing and reviewing policies.

- **CUNY will develop a website on Academic Integrity.** This website will include suggestions for faculty, students and administrators to reduce cheating or plagiarism, resources on academic integrity and links to relevant sites. Future plans also include the development of an online training program to raise awareness about academic integrity.
- The Committee recommends that this **CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity**, dated Spring 2004, be adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- Colleges should **adopt the "PEN" (Pending) grade** to facilitate the implementation of the Procedures for Imposition of Sanctions. This grade already exists in the University's Glossary of Grades.

- Colleges may wish to consider **issuing a Student Guide to Academic Integrity**. An excellent example is a document that students at Baruch College developed called “Student Guide to Academic Integrity at Baruch College”. The Guide is in its final stages of approval.
- Each college should consider joining the **Center for Academic Integrity**.
- Colleges should consider subscribing to an **electronic plagiarism detection service**. Any college that does subscribe must notify every student each semester of the fact that such a service is available for use by the faculty.
- Colleges should consider establishing an **Academic Integrity Committee**, to serve in lieu of grade appeals committees in cases of academic dishonesty, which would hear and decide contested grade reductions that faculty members award because of students’ violations of the Academic Integrity Policy and collect and maintain files of Faculty Report forms of suspected and adjudicated violations of the Academic Integrity Policy.
- Establish a mechanism for preventing students from dropping a class in order to avoid an investigation and/or imposition of a sanction for a violation of academic integrity.

III. PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF CUNY POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A. Introduction

As a legal matter, in disciplining students for violations of policies of academic integrity, CUNY, as a public institution, must conform to the principles of due process mandated by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution -- generally speaking, to provide notice of the charges and some opportunity to be heard. In the context of court- litigated violations, questions as to how much and what kind of process was “due” turn on the courts’ judgment whether the decision on culpability was “disciplinary” (a question of fact) or “academic” (a question of the instructor’s expert judgment). This distinction has proved difficult to apply on campus. Accordingly, these procedures provide for alternative approaches depending on the severity of the sanction(s) being sought. If the instructor desires solely an “academic” sanction, that is, a grade reduction, less process is due than if a “disciplinary” sanction, such as suspension or expulsion, is sought.

A faculty member who suspects that a student has committed a violation of the CUNY or the college Academic Integrity Policy shall review with the student the facts and circumstances of the suspected violation whenever possible. The decision whether to seek an academic sanction only, rather than a disciplinary sanction or both types of sanctions, will rest with the faculty member in the first instance, but the college retains the right to bring disciplinary charges against the student. Among the factors the college should consider in determining whether to seek a disciplinary sanction are whether the student has committed one or more prior violations of the Academic Integrity Policy and mitigating circumstances if any. It is strongly recommended that every instance of suspected violation should be reported to the Academic Integrity Official on a form provided by the college as described in the third Recommendation for Promoting Academic Integrity, above. Among other things, this reporting will allow the college to determine whether it wishes to seek a disciplinary sanction even where the instructor may not wish to do so.

B. Procedures In Cases Where The Instructor Seeks An Academic Sanction Only

Student Accepts Guilt and Does Not Contest The Academic Sanction

If the faculty member wishes to seek only an academic sanction (i.e., a reduced grade¹ only), and the student does not contest either his/her guilt or the particular reduced grade the faculty member has chosen, then the student shall be given the reduced grade, unless the college decides to seek a disciplinary sanction, see Section I above and IV below. The reduced grade may apply to the particular assignment as to which the violation occurred or to the course grade, at the faculty member's discretion.

¹ A reduced grade can be an "F," a "D-," or another grade that is lower than the grade that would have been given but for the violation.

Student Denies Guilt And/Or Contests The Academic Sanction

If the student denies guilt or contests the particular grade awarded by the faculty member, then the matter shall be handled using the college's grade appeals process, including departmental grading committees where applicable, or the Academic Integrity Committee. In either case, the process must, at a minimum, provide the student with an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence.

C. Procedures In Cases Where A Disciplinary Sanction Is Sought

If a faculty member suspects a violation and seeks a disciplinary sanction, the faculty member shall refer the matter to the college's Academic Integrity Official using the Faculty Report form, as described in the third Recommendation for Promoting Academic Integrity above, to be adjudicated by the college's Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee under Article 15 of the CUNY Bylaws. As provided for therein, the Faculty-Student Disciplinary may, among other things, investigate, conciliate, or hear evidence on cases in which disciplinary charges are brought².

² Typically, disciplinary sanctions would be sought in cases of the most egregious, or repeated, violations, for example: infraction in ways similar to criminal activity (such as forging a grade form; stealing an examination from a professor or a university office; or forging a transcript); having a substitute take an examination or taking an examination for someone else; sabotaging another student's work through actions designed to prevent the student from successfully completing an assignment; dishonesty that affects a major or essential portion of work done to meet course requirements. [These examples have been taken from a list of violations compiled by Rutgers University.]

Under certain circumstances, college officials other than the Academic Integrity Official may seek disciplinary sanctions following the procedures outlined above. For the reasons discussed in Item IV below, if a reduced grade is also at issue, then that grade should be held in abeyance, pending the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee's action.

D. Procedures In Cases In Which Both A Disciplinary and An Academic Sanction Are Sought

If a faculty member or the college seeks to have both a disciplinary and an academic sanction imposed, it is not advisable to proceed on both fronts simultaneously lest inconsistent results ensue. Thus, it is best to begin with the disciplinary proceeding seeking imposition of a disciplinary sanction and await its outcome before addressing the academic sanction. If the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee finds that the alleged violation occurred, then the faculty member may reflect that finding in the student's

grade. If the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee finds that the alleged violation did not occur, then no sanction of any kind may be imposed. The decision whether to pursue both types of sanctions will ordinarily rest with the faculty member.

E. Reporting Requirements

1. By The Faculty Member To The Academic Integrity Official

In cases where a violation of academic integrity has been found to have occurred (whether by admission or a fact-finding process), the faculty member should promptly file with the Academic Integrity Official a report of the adjudication in writing on a Faculty Report form (see sample attached) provided by the college as described above. The Academic Integrity Official shall maintain a confidential file for each student about whom a suspected or adjudicated violation is reported. If either the grade appeals process or the Faculty- Student Disciplinary Committee finds that no violation occurred, the Academic Integrity Official shall remove and destroy all material relating to that incident from the student's confidential academic integrity file. Before determining what sanction(s) to seek, the faculty member or the Academic Integrity Official may consult the student's confidential academic integrity file, if any, to determine whether the student has been found to have previously committed a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, the nature of the infraction, and the sanction imposed or action taken.

2. By the Academic Integrity Official To the Faculty Member

Where a matter proceeds to the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee, the Academic Integrity Official shall promptly report its resolution to the faculty member and file a record of the resolution in the student's confidential academic integrity file, unless, as indicated above, the suspected violation was held to be unfounded, in which case all reporting forms concerning that suspected violation shall be destroyed.

Graduate Student Groups and Campus Resources

Graduate Association of School Psychologists (GASP)

The Graduate Association of School Psychologists is an organization of students in the School Psychologist Graduate Program at Brooklyn College. It sponsors various events throughout the year and was established to serve all school psychology students. In addition to colloquia designed around the needs of school psychology students, GASP organizes parties and provides various opportunities for students to socialize and get to know one another. GASP encourages all students to become involved.

In the past GASP found that new students need information that can be readily obtained from students already in the program. Thus, incoming students will be paired with more advanced students, as mentors. As a student's studies progress, he or she should call on mentors. In addition to being a terrific source of information, a student mentor can guide a fellow student through the program. Student mentors are volunteers and look forward to helping others who are beginning in the program.

Advisory Committee

The School Psychology Graduate Program is guided by our belief that open and ongoing dialogue leads to academic and professional excellence as well as enhances our commitment to promoting an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff. We believe that members of a high quality and socially just training community must continually reflect on curriculum, standards, and instructional practices and processes in order to improve the Program and adhere to our mission of preparing graduate students to

provide a range of services that positively influence the educational achievement, development, and mental health of all children and youth.

To build on these commitments, an Advisory Committee will consist of five school psychology students and two faculty members. The Committee will discuss topics, issues, and concerns related to recruitment, retention, curriculum, diversity, and social climate. The committee's mission is to engage in reflective dialogue among faculty and students that will enhance the quality of our Program and the educational experience of each student.

Personal Counseling Center

Personal Counseling, 0203 James Hall, 718.951.5363. Personal Counseling offers individual, couples, family and group counseling; short-term therapy; crisis intervention; referrals to off-campus services; and a range of life-skills workshops for test anxiety, stress management, etc. All services are free and confidential.

Center for Student Disability Services

Center for Student Disability Services, 138 Roosevelt Hall, 718.951.5538. The Center for Student Disability Services serves as the primary program for ensuring the successful integration of students with disabilities into the college community and for making determinations of what will constitute appropriate, reasonable accommodations. Most accommodations are based on the current nature of the student's disability or disabilities and the supporting documentation. Students who need individual accommodations should direct their needs to the Center for Student Disability Services. If a requested academic adjustment cannot be implemented or if a student believes that he or she is being discriminated against on the basis of a handicap or disability, the student should contact the director of the center.

Student Ombuds Services (SOS)

The Student Ombudsperson seeks to ensure the responsiveness of the college to individual students' concerns. The ombudsperson serves as the primary point of contact to assist students in gaining access to college services and programs for which they are eligible. The ombudsperson functions to serve students by providing as much direction and guidance as possible to address various concerns.

Learning Center

Learning Center, 1300 Boylan Hall, 718.951.5821. The Learning Center (LC) offers Brooklyn College students free peer tutoring in courses across the curriculum in a comfortable, supportive environment well stocked with computers and reference materials. Students working on writing assignments can get help with every stage of the writing process. Those who wish to work on their writing are recommended to schedule an appointment for regular weekly meetings or an individual session. For all other subjects unrelated to writing, students may drop in without an appointment during our advertised days and times. Sessions are conducted in small groups or one-on-one, depending on availability. Additionally, the LC offers comprehensive review sessions before midterm and final exams. Students are encouraged to visit the website or e-mail the center for updated schedules and additional information.

Magner Career Center

Magner Career Center, 1303 James Hall, 718.951.5696. The Magner Career Center provides undergraduate and graduate students with the opportunities essential to fulfilling their career aspirations. Through its workshops and services, the center assists students with a wide range of career needs, such as résumé writing, interview preparation, choosing a career, searching for a job or internship, learning how to network, developing professional skills, and more. The center's career

panels, company visit program, alumni mentor program, networking nights, and pre-law initiatives connect students with prestigious employers and successful alumni. The job/ internship fair each semester and an online database give students access to thousands of full- and part-time jobs and internship opportunities.

Brooklyn College Health Clinic

The health clinic located in 114 Roosevelt Hall provides students with a variety of free and low-cost medical care for things like acute and common medical conditions, gynecological care and family planning, vaccinations, wellness exams and more. For more information on the health clinic, please visit their [website](#).

Brooklyn College Fitness Center

Students at Brooklyn College are eligible for a low-cost membership to our recreation and athletic facilities which contains a workout center; basketball, handball, volleyball, and tennis courts; a track; a swimming pool and more. For information on availability of the facilities and costs, please visit their [website](#).

Libraries

Program Library

The program maintains an extensive collection of psychological assessment and intervention materials. These materials are quite expensive and are necessary for training in school psychology. Candidates may borrow materials only to fulfill a class assignment. Requests for test kits must come from the professor. Candidates take full financial responsibility for lost or damaged materials.

Materials must be returned promptly so that other candidates can use them. They must be returned to the School Psychology office no later than the last day of the semester. Candidates with materials outstanding will not receive grades.

Brooklyn College Library

In Fall 1998, construction began on a major capital improvement project for renovation of the existing library. The new library, reopened in the fall of 2002, now encompasses nearly 280,000 square feet of space. Expanded seating (up from 600 seats to 2317 seats) and stack areas (up from Before 5,248 shelf units to 6,700 shelf units), with an emphasis on advanced technology in library services, enhances the library's role as the central information resource of the college.

The Library's mission, the provision of integrated information support for the College's instructional and research activities, is supported by collections totaling 1.2 million volumes, 5,000 periodical subscriptions, and significant electronic, audiovisual, and microform holdings. The Library adds approximately 15,000 new titles each year to its comprehensive humanities, social sciences, and sciences collections. The Library serves 16,000 candidates and a full-time faculty of 600.

The Brooklyn College Library is fully automated. Facilities include an integrated library system (using NOTIS software), a local area network with a direct connection to the internet, extensive bibliographic and full-text holdings on CD-ROM, World Wide Web access, and multimedia collections. Some 95

percent of the library's collection is represented in CUNY+, the online catalog. This catalog also shows the library's journal holdings and provides access to periodical indexes.

Candidate Awards

The following awards are designated for candidates in the School Psychologist Graduate Program.

Brooklyn College Scholarship eligibility requirements vary for each scholarship or award. Recipients may be chosen based on academic performance, area of study, extracurricular activities, community service, career plans, financial need, and/or criteria established by the donors. All recipients must be in good academic standing, with a minimum grade point of 3.3 for graduate candidates. Scholarships and awards are competitive and committees made up of faculty and administrators select recipients.

Graduate Honors are highly selective and a majority of faculty must endorse the candidate. Only graduates who surpass a minimum academic index of 3.75 will be considered. Criterion also includes service to the Program, college community, or the profession.

The Ted Bernstein Award is sponsored by the New York Association of School Psychologists and is conferred on a most promising graduate each year. The award entitles the recipient to a year's free membership to NYASP and the waiver of admission fees for the organization's Fall Conference in the year after graduation.

Laura Barbanel Scholarship

This award recognizes a candidate or candidates in their internship year who have engaged in scholarly activity beyond that required in class assignments, and this activity has led to publication of scholarship in a school psychology/psychology publication and/or presentation at a local, regional, or national convention. The scholarship must be published and/or already presented at the time the recognition is bestowed (i.e., scholarship or proposals "under review" would be ineligible).

Kappa Delta Pi is a national honorary organization in education. Candidates qualify for induction based on a record of academic achievement, commitment to service and faculty nomination.

Program Evaluation Procedures

The Program employs systematic, valid evaluation of candidates, coursework, practicum, internship, faculty, supervisors, and resources. The resulting information is used to monitor and improve program quality. Evaluation is accomplished in the following manner.

Procedure	Data Source	Recipient of Information	When Assessed
Candidate Evaluations of Faculty	Candidates	Course Instructor Program Coordinator Dean	Each semester
Observation of faculty teaching	Faculty Member	Course Instructor Program Coordinator Dean	Each semester, for ten semesters, then optional
Interviews with field supervisors	Faculty Field Visit	Program Faculty Program Coordinator Coordinator of Field	Each semester

		Experiences Candidate	
Internship and Practicum Evaluations	Field Supervisors	Program Faculty Program Coordinator Coordinator of Field Experiences Candidate	Each semester
Candidate evaluations of field sites	Candidates	Program Faculty Program Coordinator Coordinator of Field Experiences Candidate	End of practicum or internship year
Exit surveys/interviews with graduating candidates	Interns	Program Faculty Program Coordinator	Annually
Faculty Curriculum Meeting	Faculty	Program Faculty Program Coordinator	Annually
Alumni interviews	Alumni	Program Faculty Program Coordinator	Periodically
Formal surveys	Alumni	Program Faculty Program Coordinator	Periodically
Candidate Advisory Meetings	Candidate	Advisor Candidate	2-3 times each semester
Praxis II Examination	Candidate	Program Coordinator	Internship year
Portfolio	Candidate	Program Faculty Program Coordinator	Internship year

Program Faculty

Full-time Faculty

Paul McCabe, *Professor and Program Coordinator; Ph.D., Hofstra University; New York State Certified School Psychologist; New York State Licensed Psychologist; Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP)*. Professor McCabe is a specialist in early childhood social, behavioral, and language development and concomitant problems, pediatric school psychology, and social justice issues in school psychology. Current research interests include pediatric school psychology; training of educators and psychologists to advocate for LGBTQ+ youth in schools; gender and play in preschool; and examining the interaction between language impairment, social competence and behavior problems in early childhood.

Eliza A. Dragowski, *Associate Professor; Ph.D., New York University; New York State Certified School Psychologist; New York State Licensed Psychologist*. Professor Dragowski's research interests revolve around issues of social justice in education, with special attention to gender, gender inequality, and sexual identity. She is dedicated to training school psychologists who understand and actively challenge the structural inequity, and who work to enhance educational and socio-emotional possibilities for all students and their communities.

Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, *Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Bilingual-Multicultural Specializations in School Psychology and School Counseling at Brooklyn College; Ph.D., Graduate Center, City University of New York; New York State Certified Bilingual School Psychologist*. Professor Elizalde-Utnick is interested in a variety of topics related to anxiety as well as bilingual-multicultural school

psychology and counseling. As a bilingual school psychologist, her scholarly work deals with a variety of topics related to English language learners and immigrant students, in general. Professor Elizalde-Utnick also explores multicultural counseling competence training. She also has worked with selectively mute children, especially English language learners, for many years.

Florence Robinson, *Professor and SPCL Department Chair; Ph.D., Fordham University; New York State Licensed Psychologist, New York State Certified School Psychologist, New Jersey State Certified School Psychologist, New York State Certified Teacher K-6.* Scholarly and research interests include working on examining attitudes and beliefs held by preschool teachers related gender-nonconforming students. In addition, Professor Robinson is very interested in mental health consequences of high-stakes testing with the goal of advocating for a sensible evaluation culture.

Adjunct Faculty Members

Daniela Bejarano, *Adjunct Lecturer, M.S. Ed./Advanced Certificate with a Bilingual Extension Brooklyn College; New York State Certified School Psychologist.* Daniela works full time as a New York State certified Spanish school psychologist for the NYC Department of Education. Daniela works in the borough of Brooklyn, in districts serving families who have recently immigrated to the US, families who are living in temporary housing, and families of low socio-economic status. Her experience ranges from working with children in Pre-Kindergarten during the aging out process into kindergarten to twenty one year old students transitioning out of the school system. Daniela is an active member in the United Federation of Teachers. She is part of the social media team who help run the official pages for the social worker and school psychology chapter.

Rodrigo Campos, *Adjunct Assistant Professor; Psy.D., New York University Child/School Psychology; M.A., New York University Child/School Psychology; New York State Licensed Psychologist; New York State Certified School Psychologist;* He specializes in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), behavioral consultation, and Special Education. Dr. Campos works full-time for the New York City Department of Education as a Behavior Specialist under the Special Education Office where he consults with schools implementing MTSS and provides professional development for personnel around behavioral interventions. His research interests include the implementation of MTSS in schools and across local educational agencies, family involvement in schools, and the integration of mental health supports within MTSS.

Caryn DePinna, *Adjunct Assistant Professor; Psy.D., Hofstra University in School - Community Psychology; M.S. Ed./Advanced Certificate Brooklyn College; New York State Certified School Psychologist; Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP).* She specializes in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and behavior consultation. Dr. DePinna works full time for the New York City Department of Education as a Behavior Specialist with the Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center (RSE-TASC) working with schools to implement MTSS for behavior and the Pyramid Model in Preschool settings. Her research interests include the scaling up and sustainability of MTSS in schools, culturally responsive behavior instruction and intervention, and the integration of mental health support in schools.

Dana Freed, *Adjunct Assistant Professor, Psy.D, Rutgers University; New York State Certified School Psychologist, New York State Licensed Psychologist.* She is a full-time school psychologist in District 75, NYC Department of Education. She divides her time between providing direct and indirect services to students, families and school staff and as a District-Wide Counseling Coach mentoring staff, developing and implementing professional development programs, and facilitating workshops addressing empirically supported counseling interventions and behavioral supports. Her specialties/interests

include functional behavioral assessment, frameworks for the delivery of multi-systems of support, adapting and modifying counseling techniques for students with varying disabilities, systems for implementing and evaluating counseling services, restorative practices, adult learning, supports and professional development of school psychologists in their role as mental health providers, and active student participation in the IEP process.

Sarah Groark, *Adjunct Assistant Professor, Ph.D. University of Northern Colorado- School Psychology; M.S.Ed./Advanced Certificate Brooklyn College, M.A. New York University; Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP)*. Sarah specializes in the application of mindfulness-based interventions to increase school engagement, culturally responsive practices, and trauma-informed practices. Sarah works full-time as a school psychologist at Compass Charter School, a progressive elementary school in Fort Greene. At Compass, Sarah works with staff and families to provide a range of services to a diverse student population as well as providing supervision to school psychology interns and practicum students.

Carolina Julian, *Adjunct Assistant Professor, Psy.D. Fairleigh Dickinson University- School Psychology, M.S. Ed./Advanced Certificate Brooklyn College; New York State Certified Bilingual School Psychologist; Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP)*. Ms. Julian works full time as a bilingual (Spanish) school psychologist for the New York City Department of Education and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Her current research interests include the training and development of special education paraprofessionals in inclusion settings, as well as self-efficacy in education.

Makel M. Lynch, *Adjunct Lecturer; M.S.Ed., Advanced Certification, Brooklyn College; New York State Certified School Psychologist; Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP); Certified in Life Space Crisis Intervention; Certified in Mediation by the NYC Department of Education; New York Association of School Psychologists member; Member of Kappa Delta Pi- The International Honor Society of Education*. She is a full-time school psychologist for the New York City Department of Education serving the K-12 population in Brooklyn and specializing in students with emotional disturbance. Current interests include mentoring youth and consultant work.

Edward O'Connor, *Adjunct Assistant Professor; Psy.D., Fairleigh Dickinson University; M.S. Touro College; and Post-Master's Advanced Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership, Stony Brook University; New York State Certified School Psychologist; New York State Licensed Psychologist; and School District Leader Certificate*. Edward is a full-time school psychologist in NYC District 75 specialized schools and currently works with students from middle school to 21 years of age with developmental disabilities. Current interests include crisis de-escalation techniques and management, creating and sustaining tiered behavioral supports, and providing behavioral consultation.

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Concluding note:

The Program faculty and staff hope that you find the course of study relevant, challenging, and engaging. We look forward to the opportunity to support your professional growth as you learn, practice, and become proficient school psychologists.