

The School Psychology Ed.S. Program at Northern Arizona University is fully approved by the National Association of School Psychologists. Our program prepares school psychologists to work in culturally diverse, rural, suburban, and urban communities.

Our students engage in practicum experiences throughout the Flagstaff, Northern Arizona, and Phoenix metro areas.

Our students have completed their internships in Arizona, Utah, Washington State, Hawaii, among others. Upon completion of the program our graduates have chosen to work in Arizona and several other states. The program prepares graduates to apply for national certification as a school psychologist (NCSP; see [nasponline.org](http://nasponline.org))



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Pursue a Career  
in  
School Psychology***



***Educational Specialist (EdS)  
in  
School Psychology at  
Northern Arizona University  
Flagstaff & Phoenix***

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NAU offers an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in School Psychology. This degree is intended for students who want to become certified by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) as School Psychologists. NAU graduates have successfully obtained National Certification and certification in other states.

This program is offered in the Flagstaff Mountain Campus beginning in the fall and the Phoenix North Valley Campus beginning in the summer.

The Flagstaff program offers a traditional day program schedule for students who are able to devote 100% of their time to the training program.

The Phoenix program offers courses and training experiences on a schedule consistent with students who continue to work during the day while completing a majority of their coursework requirements prior to the practicum and internship experiences. Classes start at 5pm.

The degree consists of three years of full-time academic study beyond the baccalaureate degree requiring completion of 72 credit hours. Included is a one-academic-year internship in a school district consisting of a minimum of 1,200 clock hours. Historically, our students have a 100% rate of attaining a paid internship.

-Dedicated faculty with practice experience and involved in professional leadership at the state and national levels.

-Strong community connections

**-Approved by the National Association of School Psychologists**

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## School Psychology offers an ideal career for those interested in:

- Helping pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to develop and learn to their fullest potential
- Addressing mental health and psychological factors that affect learning and behavior in the school context
- Working collaboratively with parents and teachers to support student's school experiences
- Changing school practices and policies to help children overcome impediments to achievement
- Engaging in challenging and diverse activities and flexible professional roles, including conducting psychoeducational evaluations, consultation, interventions, and more.
- Developing strong team member and leadership skills
- Promoting appreciation and support for human diversity
- Developing effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrating the highest standards for ethical and professional behavior in school psychology practice and advocacy



## What does NAU's Program have to offer?

- A program **approved by the National Association of School Psychologists**
- A course of study leading to certification in AZ, other states, and the credential of National Certified School Psychologist
- Preparation to **integrate science and practice to improve educational and mental health outcomes** for children and adolescents from diverse backgrounds and experiences
- Emphasis on **applied knowledge** from the areas of development, learning, exceptionalities, psychopathology, and biological, social, and cultural influences that effect their professional practice
- Emphasis on developing **skills in assessment** of learning and behavior problems, effective **consultation** with teachers and parents, **evidenced-based interventions** for students, and **counseling**
- Preparation for graduates to become effective **advocates** for children and adolescents and facilitate changes in systems to benefit students and families
- **Practical experiences** that afford opportunities to work with students from diverse backgrounds
- **Commitment to social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.**

We actively seek to recruit diverse students as well as to prepare **students who are skilled and ready** to work in rural settings and with **culturally diverse populations** as well as in urban and suburban communities.

*How can I find out more?*

**Please visit our website:**

<https://nau.edu/ed-psych/school-psychology-educational-specialist/>