

*"I chose school psychology as a career because I have always enjoyed working with children and have always wanted to improve children's lives in any way that I can. With my degree, I hope to make a difference in children's lives and advocate for them when it comes to their educational needs." Angela Jones, Ed.S.*

*Graduate*

The School Psychology Program at Northern Arizona University is committed to preparing school psychologists who are ready and able to work in culturally diverse rural, suburban, and urban communities.

Candidates in the program provide service throughout Northern Arizona and on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations.

Service opportunities are also available on the Havasupai Reservation.



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Department of Educational Psychology

***Make a Difference:***  
***Pursue a Career***  
***in***  
***School Psychology***



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

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NAU offers the 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 candidates have successfully obtained National Certification and certification in other states.

This program is offered on the Flagstaff Mountain Campus beginning in the summer or 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.

- Six fulltime faculty
- Dedicated part-time faculty who practice in local schools
- Two campuses
- 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 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
- 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

*"I think the program has been excellent. Although I am nervous from time to time when I'm at my practicum, I feel prepared. The way the program is designed has really forced us to learn quickly and thoroughly; i.e., the practice tests we've done, the counseling sessions we've conducted, etc. Beyond my professional life, I think the program has also helped me understand myself better and the relationships I have with my family. For the first time in a very long time, I enjoy what I'm studying. I don't even remember what I learned during my first master's program! I'm very excited to work with my own students and families on a daily basis and I hope I will be able to help them succeed in life and be happy." JaNae Teer, Ed.S., NAU School Psychology Program Graduate*

## 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, including Native American children and youth

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/>