

# PHD EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The PhD program in Educational Psychology is intended for specialist-level certified school psychologists, certified school counselors, school social workers, or similarly credentialed working professionals with a minimum of 60 graduate credits as a prerequisite. One 3-credit course is required in each of the core foundation areas, including research/statistics, abnormal psychology/psychopathology, and developmental/lifespan psychology. The doctoral program requires 33-36 credits beyond certification, with coursework in the foundations of educational psychology, research and statistics, and a chosen area of specialization (ABA, CBT, ODL, or Advanced Neuropsychological Assessment). Students must complete a qualifying paper and a doctoral dissertation.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
Fall		
SPSY 783	Research Methods	3
SEDP 730	Foundations of Educational Psychology	3
Hours		6
<b>Term 2</b>		
Winter		
SPSY 784	Statistical Analysis	3
SEDP 772	The Psychology of Teaching	3
Hours		6
<b>Term 3</b>		
Spring		
SEDP 785	Advanced Research and Statistics	1
SEDP 790	Qualifying Seminar	1
SEDP 791	Dissertation Seminar	1
Specialization Class #1		3
Hours		6
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
Fall		
SEDP 720	Educational Psychology, Professional Seminar I	1
SPSY 774	Seminar in Advanced Integrated Knowledge	2
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement	1
Specialization Class #2		1
Hours		5
<b>Term 2</b>		
Winter		
SEDP 721	Educational Psychology, Professional Seminar II	1
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement	1
Specialization Class #3		3
Hours		5
<b>Term 3</b>		
Spring		

SEDP 722	Educational Psychology, Professional Seminar III	1
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement	1
Specialization Class #4		3
Hours		5
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement * if necessary	1
Hours		1
<b>Term 2</b>		
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement * if necessary	1
Hours		1
<b>Term 3</b>		
SEDP 792	Dissertation Advisement * if necessary	1
SEDP 795	Dissertation Editing * if necessary	1
Hours		2
Total Hours		37

## Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology (PhD)

Applicants must possess a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in psychology, counseling, education or a related field with a B average or better and have obtained professional certification in their chosen field.

Applicants must have completed, prior to admission, the following foundational coursework:

- Statistics/Research
- Abnormal Psychology or Psychopathology
- Developmental or Lifespan Psychology

The online application will be available beginning in the fall 2021 term at <https://explore.pcom.edu/apply/>.

This program utilizes a rolling admissions policy, so applications will be considered throughout the year as they are received. Students will be accepted into the program until the desired class size is reached. Classes begin in the fall term (early August).

The Admissions Committee screens applications, invites some applicants for an interview, evaluates the applicants and selects new students. Following the completion of the admission process, each applicant will be notified of the Admission's Committee decision in writing, including any conditions that must be satisfied prior to or following enrollment.

Your application will be processed and assessed by the Faculty Committee on Admissions only after the receipt of:

- Autobiographical statement explaining your interest in this academic program as it relates to your career goals (in 500 words or less)
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate course work
- Two letters of recommendation
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Official college transcripts from all colleges/universities schools attended must be sent directly to:

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Office of Admissions  
4170 City Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131

We will accept electronic transcripts via email from Parchment Services and National Student Clearinghouse to [admissions@pcom.edu](mailto:admissions@pcom.edu). Letters of recommendation can be sent directly to PCOM Admissions in PDF format to [recommend@pcom.edu](mailto:recommend@pcom.edu). All other admissions documents can be sent to [admissions@pcom.edu](mailto:admissions@pcom.edu) .