

SCHOOL/APPLIED CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.)

Offered by: Educational & Counselling Psych (Faculty of Education)
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The School/Applied Child Psychology program at McGill University prepares the next generation of school psychologists to provide state of the art educational and mental health services to children and adolescents from birth to 21 years old. Course work, clinical experiences, field and community service, and research activities are designed to enhance and develop the professional skills and the knowledge base of our students. In McGill's scientist-practitioner training model, research supports and improves our clinical activities; and clinical activities support and inspire our research. McGill's School/Applied Child Psychology faculty and students are among the most productive research units in North America. Professional school psychologists educated at McGill become leaders in research and higher education, school-based practice, hospital-based positions, independent practice, mental health centres, and policy making roles.

For more information, see www.mcgill.ca/study/faculties/education/graduate/gps_edu_educational_cou...

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Comprehensive Exam

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSP 701	Comprehensive Examination.	0

Required Courses (60 credits)

24 credits:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPC 714	Theory / Models: Family Therapy.	3
EDPE 712	Neurological Bases of Behaviour Across Lifespan.	3

EDSP 702	Selected Topics in School/Applied Child Psychology 2.	3
EDSP 705D1	Practicum: School Psychology.	3
EDSP 705D2	Practicum: School Psychology.	3
EDSP 710	Consultation in School Psychology.	3
EDSP 715D1	Theory and Practice of Supervision.	3
EDSP 715D2	Theory and Practice of Supervision.	3

Field Placement (12 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSP 721D1	Field Placement 1: School Psychology.	3
EDSP 721D2	Field Placement 1: School Psychology.	3
EDSP 722D1	Field Placement 2: School Psychology.	3
EDSP 722D2	Field Placement 2: School Psychology.	3

Internship (24 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSP 725D1	Internship: School Psychology.	12
EDSP 725D2	Internship: School Psychology.	12

Complementary Courses (3 credits)

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPE 684	Applied Multivariate Statistics.	3
EDPE 687	Qualitative Methods in Educational Psychology.	3