

School Psychology

Background -

School Psychologists work with school personnel to conduct evaluations and assessments of struggling students in all levels of education. More recently, the field has expanded to include designing and implementing evidence based progress monitoring systems for school districts, producing individualized instruction strategies, and implementing programs that focus on the developing positive school climates.

What can a School Psychologist expect to earn (on average)? \$78, 690*

What level of schooling is required for this career? To be a licensed School Psychologist you must earn a either a specialist level or doctoral degree from a *School Psychology* program.

What classes at GVSU may help me in my career? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, and would best serve your career goals.

- a. **PSY 301** - Child development
- b. **PSY 310** – Behavior Modification
- c. **PSY 303** – Psychopathology
- d. **PSY 326** – Intellectual Disabilities
- e. **PSY 325** – Educational Psychology
- f. **COM 203** – Interpersonal Communication

What skills should a School Psychologist strive to have? Strong interpersonal communication, oral and written communication, an interest in statistical analysis and cultural competency, the ability to work independently and as a team member, leadership, and organization are all important skills for a School Psychologist to have.

Employer Possibilities – School Psychologists are generally hired by a school district to work within one or more schools. However, it is also possible to be hired through a governmental agency or hospital.

For additional information -

<file:///C:/Users/psygradt/Downloads/Career-Brochure-2015.pdf>



*Salary – (2017) bls.gov for clinical, counseling and school psychologists