Psychological Examiner K-12 Certification
Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to pursue this certification?

1. You must have a master’s degree in counseling psychology, educational psychology, school counseling, OR education. If you do not already have a master’s degree, you can choose to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching with Psych. Examiner certification.
2. You must have certification as a School Counselor, Classroom Teacher, or Special Education Teacher! Psychological examiner certification is only available as an add-on certification.
3. You will need to complete the necessary courses and internship in order to be certified through DESE for Psychological Examiner K-12.

What am I required to take in preparation to seek Psychological Examiner K-12 certification through the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)?

This certification is comprised of 10 courses (30 credit hours) plus an internship under the supervision of a certified psychological examiner (150 hours minimum). You will likely have completed some of the required psychological examiner (150 hours minimum). You will likely have completed some of the required courses already, but each student’s situation is different. Here are the required courses:

- EDPS 453/553 The Exceptional Child
- PSYC 553 Advanced Human Development
  OR COUN 5153 Advanced Human Development
- EDPS 553 Advanced Theories of Learning & Personality
- GRED 543 Methods of Inquiry I
  OR COUN 5263 Research & Program Evaluation
- EDSP 434/534 Methods of Teaching & Inclusion for Students with Cross-Categorical Disabilities
- EDPS 543 Psychological Tests & Measures
- PSYC 563 Psychology of Normal & Abnormal Personality
  OR COUN 5203 Psychopathology
- EDSP 463/563 Individual Diagnostic & Classroom Assessment
  OR COUN 5223 Assessment & Testing
- EDPS 573 Intelligence Testing
- HUSR 543 Personality Assessment of Children, Adolescents, & Adults
- EDPS 583 Psychological Examiner Internship (minimum 150 hours)
What is the role of a psychological examiner?

Psychological Examiners have certification from DESE and work in a K-12 school setting; this may involve administering and interpreting a variety of standardized tests and assessments. These tests are intended to measure cognitive and academic abilities or behavioral and personality traits to determine a student’s needs (such as special education services, placement, guidance, etc.). Psychological Examiners administer tests that are both qualitative and quantitative. Their interpretation of test results will be used to determine a student’s level of functioning or disability, as well as strengths and weaknesses. Psychological Examiners may be involved in behavior management planning by developing recommendations for educational services.

How do I apply?

Your first step is to submit a free online application at: https://apply.mobap.edu!

You can contact the office of Graduate Admissions at graduateadmissions@mobap.edu or (314) 392-2327.

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