

# Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology



**A program for aspiring  
school psychologists  
dedicated to promoting  
the mental, social, and  
academic development  
of children and youth**

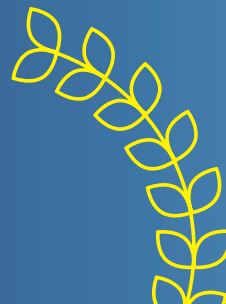
## At A Glance

**Degree Type:** Ph.D. in School Psychology

**Program Length:** 3-4 Years

**Application Deadline:** For fall admission, applications are typically due in early spring. For exact dates, visit [ed.unc.edu/school-psychology](https://ed.unc.edu/school-psychology).

As a doctoral student in our school psychology program, you will combine a range of field experiences with highly effective practitioners, classroom instruction, and your own research to prepare you for a career focused on promoting the mental, social and academic development of children and youth; to effectively engage families, schools, and communities. Accredited by both the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists, our program responds to multiple professional requirements, creating a variety of career options for you. Our graduates assume positions as faculty members, researchers, school psychologists, administrators, state, or national leaders, and clinicians. Upon graduation, you will be license eligible.



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In our Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology program, you will:

- **Learn from a diverse and accomplished faculty** dedicated to ensuring that you are the most intellectually capable and socially responsible psychologist for the communities you serve
- **Gain deep understanding** of developmental trajectories of children, youth, and families from diverse sociocultural backgrounds, in the multiple contexts in which they live
- **Apply evidence-based models of prevention** that seek to provide equitable opportunities for learning and social and emotional well-being for all students
- **Engage in research, teaching, service, and internship opportunities** that ground you as both a skilled researcher and a highly effective clinician



**Cari Pittleman**

*Current student and research assistant*

A third-year student, Cari's research and clinical interests include school-based mental health supports, intervention for culturally and linguistically diverse clients, pediatric neuropsychology, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and social justice. She works closely with faculty member Marisa Marraccini, Ph.D., to ensure student well-being and to create school-based supports that help prevent suicide after psychiatric hospitalization.

## How will *you* propel the world?

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