About the Program

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (PsyD)**

The Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) Program in School Psychology is an innovative, applied professional psychology program designed for working school psychologists. The program builds on the advanced training and experience of the certified school psychologist, preparing the practitioner-scholar to be a leader in psycho-educational and mental health services to children, youth and families.

A specialty of the program is an emphasis in cognitive behavioral therapy. This training includes a three-course sequence, one of which has been taught by the internationally renowned Dr. Arthur Freeman, one of the world’s foremost experts in cognitive behavioral therapy.

The PsyD program draws on the unique strengths of being set in an osteopathic medical college. With a tremendous need today for school psychologists and physicians to collaborate on behalf of children, adolescents and families, PCOM provides the unique opportunity to study and work with students from a variety of medical-related disciplines, with a common goal of addressing the needs of the “whole child.”

In addition to PsyD coursework, candidates complete a series of field experiences in advanced assessments, cognitive behavior therapy in schools, and brain-based interventions. Each PsyD student must satisfy a residency requirement within the first year. Practicum experiences are integrated into the curriculum in several areas. And the internship provides an intensive, supervised work experience to develop, practice and integrate new clinical skills. All can be completed while continuing to work in the field.

More information: [ADMISSIONS.PCOM.EDU](http://www.PCOM.EDU)

**Related Programs to Consider**

- **EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (EdS)**
- **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (MS)**
- **POST-DOCTORAL CERTIFICATES IN CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY & CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**

**Program HIGHLIGHTS**

- The PsyD is a NASP-approved and ASPPB-designated doctoral program.
- Most faculty are certified school psychologists who are internationally renowned practitioner-scholars and researchers in the field.
- The program’s multicultural focus prepares school psychologists to have a positive impact on pluralistic systems and communities.
- High-fidelity simulators and standardized patient actors immerse students in realistic experiences and clinical situations.
- Students complete coursework in specialized areas such as Neuropsychology in the Schools and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.
- The PsyD program can be completed in as few as three years.
- Courses are offered during evenings and weekends to accommodate students’ personal lives and work schedules.
Recent graduates also enter residency specialties that include:
anesthesiology, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurological surgery, neurology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology and facial plastic surgery, pathology, physical medicine and rehab, psychiatry, radiology-diagnostic, urological surgery, urology and more.

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Osteopathic medicine emphasizes helping each person achieve a high level of wellness by focusing on health promotion and disease prevention. Working in partnership, the healthcare professional and patient consider the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of the individual, and they work to break down barriers to good health.

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Career Outcomes
YOUR FUTURE AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

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