

Department, College, and University



The Department of Psychology is housed within the College of Science and Mathematics in a newly constructed complex, which includes state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, and clinics. California State University, Fresno is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and has an annual enrollment of approximately 20,000 students. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas in the world; Fresno is the sixth largest metropolitan area in California. The university is within one hour's drive of many mountain and lake resorts and within a 3- to 4-hour drive of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

School Psychology

School psychologists work with teachers, administrators, and parents to create appropriate learning environments for all students. School psychologists serve children with special education needs from birth to age 22. School psychologists also provide prevention, intervention, and mental health services for students in general education. Roles of school psychologists include:

- **Consultation:** working with parents and teachers to develop academic and behavioral alternatives and interventions
- **Assessment:** evaluating academic skills, learning aptitude, emotional development, social skills, and educational environments.
- **Intervention:** implementing individual and class-wide interventions, conducting groups and providing individual counseling
- **Prevention:** developing and facilitating programs such as parent training, conflict management, bully prevention
- **In-Service:** developing training on classroom management, crisis response, early academic interventions
- **Research:** evaluating academic programs, behavioral interventions, and curricula. Working with schools and systems to provide leadership for change.



Program Faculty

Marilyn S. Wilson, Ph.D., NCSP



Dr. Wilson joined the Fresno State faculty in 1992. Dr. Wilson received her B.S., M.S., Ed.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University. She has over 30 years of experience in education, including 20 years as a school psychologist. She serves as coordinator of the School Psychology Program at Fresno State. Dr. Wilson's primary areas of interest are role and function of school psychologists, gender issues in school psychology, and early academic interventions. Dr. Wilson received the Provost's award for Graduate Teaching and Mentoring in 2005.

Hong Ni, Ph.D.



Dr. Ni joined the faculty in 2009. Dr. Ni received her B.A and M.A. in sociology in China, Ed.S. in school psychology, and Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Ni has practiced as a school psychologist in Iowa for a number of years. Her primary areas of interest are cultural studies in education settings, international school psychology, consultation in school settings, academic assessments, and Response to Intervention (RtI).

Faculty Search

A search is currently underway for a third tenure track school psychology faculty.

Program Description

The school psychology program is a three-year, full-time program requiring approximately 75 semester hours. The program is accredited by the state through California Teacher Credential (CTC) and approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Upon completion of the program, students obtain an Educational Specialist (Ed.S) degree in Psychology and are eligible for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential with Advanced Specialization in School Psychology and for the National Certification in School Psychology (NCSP).

During the first two years of the program students complete core coursework in school psychology as well as educational and psychological foundations. During this time students are placed in local schools for a minimum of 500 hours of supervised practicum experience. The third year of the program is a 1200 hour internship. A thesis or a project is required.



Graduates of the school psychology program at California State University, Fresno have enjoyed a

100% employment placement rate. Demand for school psychologists continues to be strong.

Application Information

Students are admitted to the School Psychology program to begin Fall semester only; applications are due February 15. General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and California Basic Educational Skills Test (C-BEST) scores must be submitted, along with three letters of recommendation and an official transcript of previous undergraduate and graduate work. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. A separate application is required for the university.

Applications are available through www.csummentor.edu. Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to starting the program; interested students should meet with an advisor early in their university program.

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