



School Psychological Examiner Certification Courses

Evangel University's **School Psychological Examiner (SPE)** coursework prepares graduate students to competently administer, score, and interpret **standardized test instruments** in addition to writing reports when determining eligibility for specialized services.

The SPE certification is an add-on to an existing master's degree that satisfies teaching or student services certification from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), such as a master's degree in School Counseling or Education. Those with psychology degrees qualify if they have a teaching or student services certificate on file with DESE or complete additional coursework to satisfy student services certification.

Highlights

- **Fully online** except for a one-day in-person summer residency for the Intelligence Testing course and in-person practicum near your location
- Those with qualifying master's degrees may be able to satisfy SPE Certification by completing **only three classes**
- Application of skills during weekly online classes and completion of a **150-hour practicum**
- Eligibility to obtain DESE **School Psychological Examiner Certification K-12** upon completion of required coursework
- SPE tuition matches the per credit hour cost of the M.S. in School Counseling plus fees
- SPE courses are elective courses within the Master of Science in School Counseling program.
Degree-seeking students can use financial aid and take the SPE courses within their 60 credit hours. Financial aid is not available for those enrolled in only SPE coursework.

For more info or to apply, email Dr. Huba Ray, SPE Coordinator at RayH@evangel.edu

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER CERTIFICATION

PLAN OF STUDY

Please Note: Applicants are considered for admission as a non-degree seeking student on an individual basis after a transcript review.

Prerequisites		Credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master's degree (i.e., School Counseling, Education)• An undergraduate or graduate course in Education of the Exceptional Child or DESE Teacher Certification	2 or 3
Transcript Review Courses (graduate-level, may be from prior degree)		
COU 503	Human Growth and Development	3
COU 632	Psychology of Education and Exceptional Students	3
COU 507	Research Methods	3
COU 506	Psychodiagnostics	3
COU 610	Assessment	3
Required SPE Courses*		
COU 611	Intelligence Testing (tuition + \$100 fee; Summer only)	3
COU 613	Diagnostic Assessment (tuition + \$100 fee; Fall only)	3
COU 695	SPE Practicum (tuition + \$195 fee; Spring only)	3
TOTAL CREDITS (excluding prerequisites)		9-24

Important Notes:

- Tuition rate per credit hour is the same as the current rate for the M.S. in School Counseling.
- Financial aid (i.e., loans or scholarships) not available for non-degree seeking students
- These courses do not provide certification as a School Psychological Examiner, nor will you receive a diploma or certificate. Rather, candidates must personally apply to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) upon completion of all course requirements to be certified as a School Psychological Examiner. Evidence of completion of a SPE program of study is required as documented by prior degree conferrals, prior DESE certifications, and transcripts of completed courses.
- Evangel does not approve of a provisional or temporary certification as a school psychological examiner.

**To receive a recommendation from Evangel University for a Missouri DESE certificate as a school psychological examiner, students must take the Intelligence Testing, Diagnostic Assessment, and SPE Practicum courses at Evangel. Students must achieve an A- or better in Intelligence Testing and a B or better in Diagnostic Assessment and SPE Practicum to receive the recommendation. Grades lower than these standards will require a retake of the course.*