



MA IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL ESSAYS

The following 3 required essays and one optional essay must be formatted as follows.

- Paper size: 8.5 x 11 inches
- Minimum borders: 1 inch
- Minimum font size: 11 point
- Spacing: double-spaced (not single or 1.5 lines)
- Maximum length: 1 page (double-spaced)
- The title and your name must appear at the top of page 1 in the header

Personal Statement

Please provide some information about your background with an emphasis on describing how you came to decide that a program that focuses on school psychology is a good match for your interests. Please describe specific experiences and/or knowledge that you have gathered about the field to support your statement.

Practice and Development of the Profession Statement

One of the Canadian Psychological Association's strategic priorities for 2025-2030 states that they will, "support, promote, and grow a profession, discipline, and association that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible." Comment on why you think that this priority is important for the development and practice of the profession of psychology.

Research and Practice Statement

The MA in School Psychology is a clinically focused degree that follows a practitioner-scholar framework which emphasizes the importance of evidence-based approaches to practice. Please describe what evidence-based practice means to you and comment broadly on the role of research in clinical practice.

Optional Additional Personal Statement

If desired, you can provide an additional personal statement that includes information about personal experiences and/or systemic barriers that have affected your academic achievement and/or the ability to accrue experience with children, adolescents, youth, and/or their families in work or volunteer settings.