

Dear School Psychology Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in school psychology in general and the Winthrop School Psychology Program in particular. You have selected a challenging yet rewarding field to pursue, and a great place at which to become personally and professionally prepared for the challenges ahead. Winthrop's nationally accredited program leads to both a master of science in school psychology and a specialist in school psychology, although only applicants intending to complete the entire three-year program are considered. Those with prior graduate degrees or coursework should consult the "Frequently Asked Questions" section (see "Student Resources" link and then click on "Prospective Students") on our program website for further information: <http://www.winthrop.edu/schoolpsychology/>

Students may be admitted to Winthrop for non-degree study at various times of the year. However, admission to the School Psychology Program is made for the fall semester only. The application deadline is January 15th. Late applicants are considered only as there is space available, which is rare.

To be considered for admission you must submit a complete Application for Graduate Admission (answering all questions and including your resume) and a brief program questionnaire in addition to submitting official transcripts, your GRE general test scores, and three references. In the on-line admission application, you will be asked to provide names and email addresses of three individuals who can serve as references. These three people will then receive an email asking them to complete a recommendation form. It's a good idea to talk with these individuals ahead of time so they will be expecting the email when they receive it.

Shortly after the admissions deadline, the School Psychology Admissions Committee screens and rates all applicants. About 24 applicants from among the 40 or so who usually apply are invited for a required interview. If you believe that you will qualify for an interview and are serious about attending Winthrop, please plan to be free to come to campus for an interview, which are typically scheduled for the first Thursday and Friday in March. Finalists are typically notified 2-4 weeks before interview dates. Those not selected as finalists are usually notified shortly after interviews are confirmed.

Our website contains a variety of other information that should prove helpful to you. If you have questions about your application materials, contact the Graduate School office at 803-323-2204. If you have questions about the program or the interview process, you may call our program graduate assistant at 803-323-2644, or contact Dr. Gary Alderman (email: [aldermang@winthrop.edu](mailto:aldermang@winthrop.edu); phone: 803-323-2637).

We look forward to the opportunity to review your qualifications. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Alderman  
Director  
School Psychology Program