

# PLAN OF STUDY

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Method
<b>Summer 1 (Session 1)</b>			
ED PSYCH 6240	Introduction to School Psychology	3	Online
<b>Semester 1 (Fall)</b>			
MEASRES 6283	Academic Assessment & Interventions	4	Hybrid
MEASRES 6270	Program Evaluation	3	Online
<b>Semester 2 (Spring)</b>			
MEASRES 6282	Individual Intellectual Assessment	4	Hybrid
<b>Summer 2 (Session 1 &amp; 2)</b>			
SPED 6260	Special Education Law & Policy	3	Online
MEASRES 6284	Psychosocial Assessment	4	Hybrid
<b>Semester 3 (Fall)</b>			
EDPSYCH 6270	Behavioral Intervention in School Settings	3	Online
EDPSYCH 6290	Practicum III	2	Online
<b>Semester 4 (Spring)</b>			
EDPSYCH 6272	Systems Level Consultation	3	Online
EDPSYCH 6290	PRACTICUM IV	3	Online
<b>Summer 3 (Session 1 &amp; 2)</b>			
MEASRES 6287	Early Childhood Assessment & Intervention	3	Hybrid
EDPSYCH 6260	Counseling Intervention in School	3	Online
<b>Semester 5 - Semester 6 (Fall and Spring)</b>			
EDPSYCH 6291	Internship in School Psychology	6	Online

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**RURAL IOWA  
GROW YOUR OWN  
SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGIST  
PROGRAM**

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This “grow your own” program supports training of additional school psychologists to decrease the delay of, and improve access to, mental health services in high need, rural areas of western, central, and southern Iowa. An innovative partnership between the University of Northern Iowa School Psychology Program and rural Iowa Area Education Agencies (AEAs), it targets special education professionals currently working in these areas of the state. If selected into the program, individuals must make a three year commitment to working in a rural district in one of the three AEAs.

UNI is partnering with the Great Prairie Area Education Agency (GPAEA), Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA), and Northwest Area Education Agency (NWAEA). These three AEAs serve local school districts in all or part of 52 Iowa counties.

School psychologists are a unique and often untapped resource for students. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP, 2020) recommends one school psychologist for every 500 students. Data gathered from Iowa’s nine AEA directors of special education suggest that the ratio of students to school psychologists across Iowa is 1:1734. CRAEA has a school psychologist-to-student ratio of 1:2016, while NWAEA is 1:2500, and GPAEA has the lowest ratio, 1:4379.

## THE BENEFITS OF GROW YOUR OWN

### FOR STUDENTS

- + **Reduced tuition.** Students will be responsible for \$75 per credit and a \$40 technology fee per class. The cost of a typical credit is currently \$539.
- + **Paid membership** in NASP and ISPA.
- + **Reimbursed and covered expenses:**
  - + Class-related travel
  - + Books
  - + Praxis test costs and initial BOEE license fees
  - + NCSP credential fees
- + **Trained for crisis and response,** using NASP’s PREPaRE model.

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## ADMISSIONS

**A master’s degree is the only specific admission criterion for the program.** We also look for evidence of the ability to complete an academically rigorous program, skills of data analysis and interpretation, interest in mental health and successful experience working in teams and with/for children and youth.

- + New cohort begins: June 2024
- + Apply at: [apply.uni.edu](http://apply.uni.edu) under EdS program
  - + Application opens in December
  - + Admissions decisions by March 1, 2024



Make a *difference* as a school psychologist.