
North Kansas City Schools

School Psychology Internship

for students in Educational Specialist programs

A Tradition of Training

NKC Schools has worked with local universities for over 20 years to train students in school psychology.

As we continue to grow our school psychology team, we love to have interns join us and share what they are learning in their programs.

In 2022-23, our staff consists of 3 doctoral interns, 1 Ed.S. intern, 21 full-time school psychs, and 2 practicum students. Of our full-time team, more than half started their career with us as interns.



Our goal is to provide extraordinary learning experiences that help school psychology interns become highly skilled practitioners. We provide training in a wide variety of settings with a diverse group of students including those from EdS, PhD, and PsyD programs.

At North Kansas City Schools, we focus on giving trainees a solid foundation in the essential skills, while also providing the wide range of experiences and specialized training that will allow interns to develop into confident professionals.

Our program uses the competencies developed by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and the American Psychological Association (APA) as guides and evaluation tools. Interns improve their skills through general experience and individualized growth plans that they create in consultation with their supervisor.

During the school year, each intern is assigned one school as a primary site. They work as part of their school's team, and are encouraged to develop rapport and professional

MTSS Focused

In NKC, we are proud of our robust system of tiered supports, which has been recognized at the state and national level. We have been providing tiered supports for over 15 years, and our interns are trained to be MTSS leaders.

With close supervision and training, interns provide guidance at their schools in the process of screening, intervention selection, and progress monitoring. They also use the intervention data to make key decisions about special education services.

Our MTSS program addresses concerns including academic, behavioral, social-emotional, language, and more.

relationships with building staff. Interns manage the evaluations for their school, and consult with teachers, administrators, and other professionals regarding individual students and class or school-wide initiatives.

Scheduling is very flexible but the allocation of time each week is roughly three days at the intern's home school, one day on the selected area(s) of emphasis, one half day per week at a secondary assignment, and the remaining time is dedicated to supervision and training.

Intern Activities

All interns gain experience with managing caseloads, reviewing data for eligibility determinations, consulting with school teams on their Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), and standardized assessments.

Other common activities include behavioral consultations and functional behavioral assessments, developing behavior intervention plans, providing direct interventions such as group or individual counseling, advising teachers on appropriate IEP goals and services, and participating in building activities such as problem-solving, data review, or PBIS teams.

The internship program is directed by the district's Coordinator of School Psychology. A minimum of 2 hours per week of supervision with an experienced school psychologist is provided throughout the year, in addition to (up to) 4 hours per week of didactic trainings and group supervision with other trainees.



Interns work closely with our talented staff of school psychologists.

Increased levels of supervision and support are provided when new or challenging tasks are assigned. Toward the end of the year, supervision is aimed at supporting the intern as an independently functioning psychologist with the skills to seek out new knowledge and develop further areas of expertise.

Internship Specifics

Interns work regular staff hours and maintain the same school schedule as certified employees. As staff members, they are provided with an office space, a macbook air laptop, and access to the assessment library. Interns participate in the district benefit program that includes health and dental coverage. The internship runs from August 2023 through May 2024 with a stipend of \$30,000, plus health, dental, and retirement benefits.



Our class of 2021 faced the greatest challenges yet, and still came out smiling!

Applications

Students in the second year of an EdS program in School Psychology (or equivalent) are eligible to apply for our internship. Applications can be submitted through the [district website on the careers page](#). Any questions or inquiries are welcome and may be directed to Dr. August.

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