

Guidelines for School Psychologists Moving to Washington State

Interested in moving and working in the beautiful state of Washington, located in the Pacific Northwest?

For school psychologists who have the NCSP certification, contact the Certification Department at OSPI for a FORM 4098 packet or download application at the certification website listed below. Submit a copy of the NCSP certification in lieu of submitting transcripts and program completion verification. Complete application form, obtain fingerprinting, and pay fees.

School psychologists who do not have the NCSP certification can meet the requirements by having completed a master's degree in school psychology and a state-approved program in school psychology (whether completed in this state or in another state). Contact the Certification Department at OSPI for a FORM 4098 packet or download application at the certification website listed below. Submit a copy of transcripts and program completion verification along with completed package, obtain fingerprinting, and pay fees.

OSPI Contact Information:

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Certification website: www.k12.wa.us/cert

Mailing Address: Professional Education & Certification

PO Box 47200, Olympia WA 98504-7200

Certification office phone: 360/725-6400.

Certification Requirements in Washington State

Initial Certification: Master's degree specializing in School Psychology (except special project or thesis) and state-approved college/university preparation program (including written comprehensive examination and internship in a school setting).

Continuing Certification: All requirements for Initial Certification, Master's degree specializing in School Psychology, 180 full-days or equivalent of experience in a school setting, one quarter hour/one semester hour college/university course including peer review, and 10 clock hours or one quarter hour of course work covering issues of abuse.

State Board of Education Approved School Psychology Training Programs in Washington State

Central Washington University

Phone: 509-963-2501

Director: Gene Johnson

email: johnsong@cwu.edu

Unit: College of Sciences

Web: <http://www.cwu.edu/%7Epsych/mddegrees.html>

Accreditation: Specialist: Full; state, NASP/NCATE

Eastern Washington University
Phone: 509-359-6147
Director: Mahlon Dalley
Email: mdalley@owl.ewu.edu
Unit: College of Letters, Arts and Sciences/College of Education
Accreditation: Masters: Full: state, Specialist: Full: state

Eastern Washington University/Washington State University
EWU contact: Mahlon Dalley
Phone: 509-359-6147
email mdalley@ewu.edu
WSU contact: Steve Hirsch
Phone: 509-924-2622
email hirsch@evsd.org
Accreditation: Certification only

Seattle Pacific University
Phone: 206-281-2369
Director: Bill Rowley
email: wrowley@spu.edu
Unit: School of Education
Web: <http://www.spu.edu/prospects/grad/edu-psych.html>
Accreditation: Specialist: Full: state

Seattle University
Phone: 206-296-5776
Director: Kristin Guest
email: kguest@seattleu.edu
Unit: School of Education
Web: www.seattleu.edu
Accreditation: Specialist: Full: state Conditional: NASP/NCATE

University of Washington
Phone: 206-616-6373
Director: Dr. James Mazza
email: maza@u.washington.edu
Unit: Education
Web: <http://www.educ.washington.edu/COE/ed-psych/index.html>
Accreditation: Specialist: Full: state, Doctoral: Full: state, NASP/NCATE, APA

Resources for employment, career exploration, and grant opportunities

Educational Service District 112 administers the *Incentives* program that is charged with allocating conditional special education personnel preparation awards on behalf of OSPI. The allocated total budget is \$200,000 per year. These competitive awards have been established to stimulate recruitment of qualified special education personnel for P-12 public school service. Recipients of awards must be enrolling in programs that lead to

state certification or endorsement or are programs accredited by relevant national professional organizations. Recipients must serve at least three years in the state's P-12 public school system subsequent to receiving the award. Educational Staff Associates will be awarded 25% of the total Incentives budget.

Personnel and Website:

Ann Hutchinson, Program Director
Rosanne Sitmann, Program Secretary
Incentives
2500 NE 65th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98661
360-750-7500 X329
E-mail: Rosanne.sitmann@esd112.org
Website: sss.esd112org/incentives

www.wateach.com Washington Teacher is an employment database established by OSPI and Washington Association of School Personnel Administrators.

<http://www.naspcenter.org/careerbrochure.pdf> What is a School Psychologist Brochure.

Pupil/Psychologist Ratios and Caseload Information in Washington State

The Preliminary 2000-2001 Certificated Staffing Ratios (Workload) Report, Research Report 2001-18, May, 2001 reports that the statewide Pupil/School Psychologist Ratio = 1,142.725. Data sources: 2000-2001 S-275 computer files provided to WEA by SPI in April, 2001. *The accuracy of this information is dependent upon the accuracy of the data reported by the district This report lists each school district in the State of Washington along with total student population and psychologist FTE. If you would like a copy of the report call WEA at 1-800-622-3393 and ask for Doris Lyons in the Research Department.
<http://www.k12.wa.us/profed/> Educator Supply and Demand in Washington State