

What can I do with a Master's degree in Educational Psychology & Research?

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The information below describes the Educational Psychology & Research Master's degree program as well as common occupations and employers among the past graduates. As many of our graduates have told us, their options are not limited to those listed below when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Educational Psychology and Research

Educational Psychology and Research focuses on understanding through rigorous and diverse research the hidden matters of learning, teaching, parenting, and the working of educational institutions and communities. This program emphasizes graduate training in developmental and cognitive theories, contemporary research in human learning, and quantitative and qualitative research skills for meeting the professional needs in education and other social science fields.

Our Master's degree program consists of three mutually integrated content areas: human development, learning and cognition, and research methods. A Master's degree holder in Educational Psychology and Research has a wide range of career opportunities. Full-time students can complete the program within two years and part-time students may complete it within 3-4 years.

Possible Employment Opportunities for Educational Psychology and Research Graduates

Our graduates find the program has prepared them to obtain for jobs in new fields and/or promotions in their current jobs. With the MS degree, they transitioned from supporting teachers to head teachers, and from research assistants to research project heads. Those who came to the program while continuing to work in a school or a school district advanced their careers as teachers, administrators, and research staff members. Some of the job positions our past graduates hold include institutional researchers, university administrators, teachers at preschool or K-12 schools, staff members or directors in human service department or correction centers, or Youth Village, school district research department, hospice, and community center. Additionally, many MS students find the program prepares them for pursuing a doctoral degree in educational psychology and research and other related fields.

Possible Employers and Employment Settings for Educational Psychology and Research Graduates with an MS Degree

Nonprofit organizations	Public and private schools	Research organizations:
Government agencies	Colleges and universities:	- American Institutes of Research (AIR)
- Census Bureau	- Academic departments	- WestEd
School district administration	- Student affairs units	Research Programs in Hospitals
- Assessment Division	- Research centers	
- Research Division	- Office of Assessment	

MS students in Educational Psychology and Research can be affiliated with

Midsouth Educational Research Association (MSERA)
American Educational Research Association (AERA)
American Psychological Association (APA)

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