

## **UW-Whitewater School Psychology Program At-A-Glance**

### **Primary Teaching Faculty**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Doctoral Program</u>	<u>Interests</u>
♦	Jim Larson, Ph.D., NCSP* prevention	Marquette University	School violence
♦	Tracey Scherr, Ph.D., NCSP foster children	U. of Northern Col.	Progress monitoring,
♦	Christine Neddenriep, Ph.D., NCSP interventions, autism	U. of Tennessee	Academic
♦	Barbara Beaver, Ph.D. depression and coping	Northern Illinois U.	Childhood
♦	Greg Cook, Ph.D.	Vanderbilt University	Child development
♦	Joan Cook, Ph.D. learning	Vanderbilt University	Child development,
♦	Carolyn Morgan, Ph.D.	University of Utah	Diversity issues

\*NCSP - Nationally Certified School Psychologist

### **Students**

Our students come from all over the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota, with an occasional few from farther away. They are a diverse group, culturally and otherwise. Many are working professionals who are choosing to re-train as school psychologists, and many are coming right out of undergraduate programs. Their common elements are a desire to work in public education and a desire to apply research-supported psychological services to the educational and social needs of all children. In addition, they all happen to be extremely nice people! Our graduates may be found all over the state of Wisconsin and in many other states across the nation.

### **The Program**

The UW-Whitewater School Psychology Program is a National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Accredited, three-year, full-time course of study leading to the Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree and the Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.). All students earn both degrees. Course work is guided by the Training Standards of the National Association of School Psychologists and includes offerings in psychological assessment, consultation, and intervention, as well as in educational foundations. Field work includes the Straight Talk Mentor Program, a 600-hour school-based practicum, and a 1200-hour school-based internship. Graduates are eligible for Wisconsin DPI licensure as an Initial Educator – School Psychologist. Licensure reciprocity is assured for most other states upon attainment of the Ed.S. degree.

### **Training Philosophy**

At UW-Whitewater, we believe strongly that school psychology students should be trained to be data-based decision-makers. We follow the “scientist-practitioner” model of professional preparation, teaching the application of research-supported procedures to the clinical practice of school psychology. We emphasize the need for our students to become culturally competent, to

understand and value the many cultures that comprise the United States school population of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Finally, we stress the need for our students to understand and adhere to the ethical codes and legal guidelines of school psychology in all that they do.

## **Application**

Apply on line <http://www.uww.edu/gradstudies/> or call 262-472-1026 for information and a mailed application packet.