
School of Education

Ed Specialist in School Psychology



WHAT IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST?

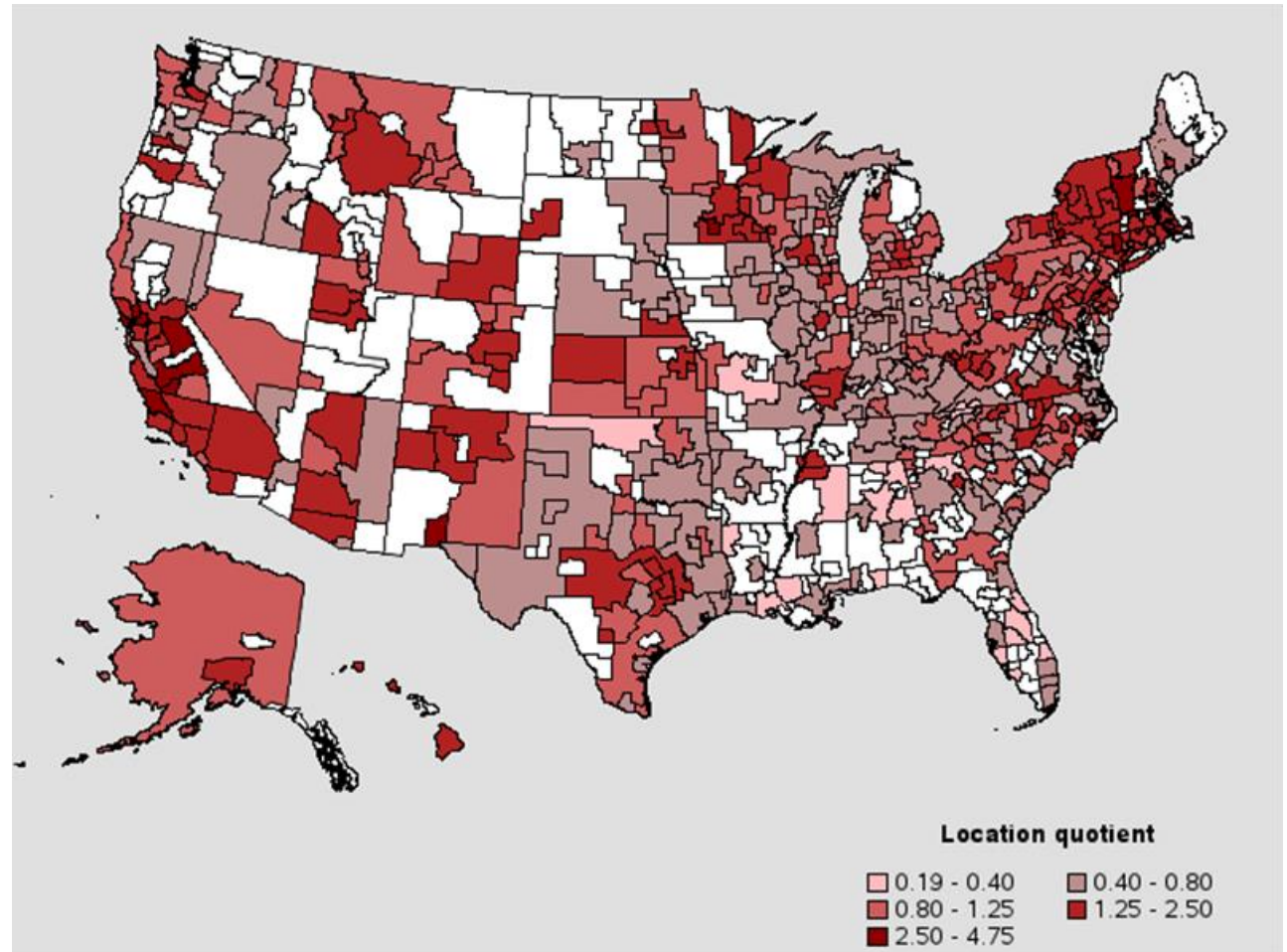
- Part counselor, part-clinician, part-administrator in a school setting.
- Seeks to apply psychological principles and techniques to the educational environment.¹
- Uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach.²
- Able to tackle behavioral and learning issues, evaluate performance, implement corrective plans, and counsel all involved.

WHY CONSIDER SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY?

- During 2015-16 school year, 75-80 positions were unfilled in Washington alone.³
- School psychology is a recognized critical shortage area.⁴
- Employment in the counseling profession projected to grow 20% between 2014-2024.⁵
- School Psychologist positions expected to grow by 16,400 jobs between 2012-2022.⁶
- Mean wage for School Psychologists Washington - \$69,430 (May 2016).⁷

DEMAND FOR THE PROGRAM

- Location Quotient of counselors by area.⁸
- Spokane registers at 0.98, or less than average.⁸
- Most of the American West is dramatically underserved.
- In the greater PNW (AK, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WY) there are only 12 comparable programs.⁹



PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Post-bachelor's track**
 - 68 credit hours over six semesters
 - Final year is 1200-hour internship
 - Large national market of undergraduates
- **Post-master's track**
 - 44 credit hours over six consecutive semesters
 - Final year is 1200-hour internship
 - Large national market of qualified candidates looking to grow professionally

PROGRAM DETAILS

- We will enroll 15-18 candidates in post-bachelor's track in Fall 2018.
- The first group (15-18 candidates) of post-master's candidates will begin in Summer of 2019
- Tuition rate is regionally competitive & not prohibitive to enrollment

WHY SCHOOL PSYCH AT GONZAGA?

- Mission of service requires that we rise to meet this need.
- Groundwork is in existence with uniquely qualified faculty and collaboration for courses across existent departments
- Potential for strategic growth and sustainable revenue

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