

What do our CSUEB School Psychology Graduates say about the program and their experiences?

We asked alumni to answer a few questions to help prospective applicants.

What is a key strength of the CSUEB School Psychology Program?

I enjoyed getting straight into the field! Working directly in schools during all three years of the program is definitely a strength of the CSUEB School Psych. Program.

Rigor, integrity, compassion

Excellent at preparing students for the job of a school psychologist. It is rigorous and practical. Districts in the area have a lot of respect for the program and pretty much every graduate will a qualified candidate at many districts once they receive their degree. East Bay graduates often will have the opportunity to pick what districts they want to work for based on location, salary, work load, etc.

The most valuable aspect of the program for me was the ability to gain supervised field experience in both the school and clinical settings. Having the opportunity to apply learned concepts and practices to real-life cases and situations, while receiving guidance and consultation, helped shape me as a professional and helped me to develop as a well-rounded school psychologist.

Our program did an excellent job teaching us about assessment. I feel that my assessment and report writing skills are strong.

Being in the field/school setting from the very beginning, and being able to work with children and develop my skills.

Small cohorts and getting to build relationships with instructors.

A key strength of the program is that you learn a wide variety of skills other than assessment and report writing (including counseling, multicultural competency, consultation, ethics, data-based decision making, etc.).

The integration of field work from the start, with steadily increasing responsibilities and learning opportunities from year to year.

The thorough and methodical training. The program very thoughtfully and systematically builds skills upon each other, until you have a foundation of every single tool you'll need to start your first job confidently and competently.

Being in the field all 3 years of the program allows time to learn hands on and gain invaluable experience before internship. The rigorous program prepared me to work anywhere in the nation.

The CSUEB School Psychology program is a well-rounded, supportive and comprehensive Masters program. All major areas of the job are given an equal amount of focus, which produces graduates who are exceptionally prepared to take on all of the roles of a school psychologist. Although it seems that this would be the case with all programs, CSUEB is one of the few programs that holds itself to this high standard.

Practical experience in school settings to implement best practice approaches of school psychology. Additional experience working with adults, families, and couples through the CSUEB counseling center provides a broad base of practice that makes graduates stand out when applying for internships and credentialed psychologist positions.

Preparing students for the rigors of life as a school psychologist in all the various aspects of our job (i.e. counseling, crisis management, report writing, behavior plans).

Why should an applicant consider CSUEB's School Psychology Program?

There's a focus on learning practical school psychology skills, through hands-on experience in schools. And the social justice lens provides an invaluable part of the training.

As a NASP accredited program, East Bay's program is nationally recognized and has much higher standards and expectations than a typically school psychology program.

The program is well known throughout the Bay Area for producing well-trained school psychologists, which helps in easily securing a job upon program completion. The campus is also centrally located in a diverse area to gain a variety of field experiences. The CSUEB program is NASP-accredited, making it easy to earn your NCSP (Nationally Certified School Psychologist). The program holds high expectations and standards to ensure career preparedness and promotes best practices.

I graduated from CSUEB 9 years ago and can honestly say you cannot find a better school psychology program. I was not only very well prepared for a career as a school psychologist, I am fortunate to be part of a vibrant and supportive community of CSUEB school psychology graduates. In addition, the program is incredibly affordable considering the amount of coursework and support you receive. Dr. Jennings, Dr. Davis, and Dr. Tran are each incredible instructors and overall wonderful people.

The CSUEB School Psychology program provides a good balance between teaching counseling and assessment. I feel that I have learned excellent skills in both.

The program is challenging, but will really prepares you to be a school psychologist. You are encouraged to get experience at multiple grade levels, districts, and with different populations, which enhances your marketability post-graduation and gives you perspective. I felt like I was encouraged to think for myself and think critically about the students and families I worked with. This has definitely helped this year as I explore being "the school psychologist" rather than "the intern."

An applicant should consider CSUEB's School Psychology program because it prepares you well for the diverse role of a school psychologist; this includes your daily duties, as well as your role in making larger system-wide changes.

The program teaches all the essential skills needed to be successful in this field. It completely prepares you. The hard work put in over the three years is worth it!

In my role as a School Psychologist I find great personal fulfillment in working with a team of other professionals in the school setting to complete educational evaluations. As a part of the team I determine if a student has a Learning Disability, Autism, Attention difficulties as well as many other disabling conditions to ensure students receive the support they need to progress in their learning.

Overall, my role as a School Psychologist is to ensure students are properly supported and build connections between school and home. Now after having been a supervisor to School Psychology Fieldworkers from other programs I am fully appreciative for my experience and education in the program.

Being put in the field from the start while building skills, layer by layer, allows their students to be prepared to exceed in the field placements and maximize the learning opportunities. The program's faculty have a wide breadth of professional experience in the field which they draw from and share with their students. It is also clear how dedicated the professors are to the success of their students and their program in addition to how fine-tuned the program has become over the years. Although the program is rigorous every course is purposeful. I feel as though I graduated from CSUEB's program with a well-rounded set of skills which enabled me to quickly find a job and be fully prepared as a School Psychologist.



The program has a good reputation across the region, and with good reason. It leaves students well prepared for the complex challenges of school psychology, and gives them ample opportunities to apply classroom learning to real life situations.

I have yet to find a program that bests CSUEB in preparing their graduates for the field, and many school districts agree. The cohort model is great, and has allowed us to create and maintain a colleague consultation group even after graduating. And the dual MFT/School Psych option is one of the best ways to develop a wide range of skills, and opens a lot of possibilities for work after graduation.

NASP accredited, awesome, knowledgeable faculty and MFT trainee component.

The profession of school psychology is very fulfilling in respect to enacting positive change for our students and community.

It's a well-rounded education that focuses more on the whole child than simply testing.

The program is challenging and requires intense dedication; however, I wouldn't go anywhere else because it prepared me for the career in more ways than I can express. Professional development, report writing, consultation, counseling, fieldwork, and juggling/managing tasks/time are essential skills that are honed and crafted throughout the program.

It's the best program in the Bay Area for comprehensive school psychologists with strengths in all areas: assessment, behavior, consultation, counseling, program development. Other Bay Area programs have deficits in one or more areas.

Graduates of the CSUEB School Psychology program are prepared to take on the rigors of the job in any district. Prospective employers will give CSUEB graduates higher consideration due to the level of education, support and experiences they have received. The program also values supervision and is dedicated to the success of their students and the quality of professional they are producing.

The rigorous coursework ensures that graduates are prepared to work in a variety of school settings. It is also located in a diverse area and CSUEB maintains relationships with a variety of school districts where graduate students are able to apply their knowledge. In comparison to the experience available in similar school psychology training programs in Northern California, I was truly prepared to work with students, family, and staff of a variety of backgrounds, and was confident in my ability to do so! The emphasis on cultural competence and social justice also supports CSUEB EPSY graduates acting as agents of change and advocates for student success.