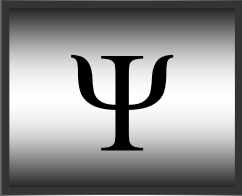


# ALL ABOUT PSYCHOLOGY

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## Announcements

**Missed the graduate workshop?**

**You can pick up your own copy on CD-rom in the advising office for \$1.00**

**The EOP tutoring center needs psychology tutors—come to the advising office for details!**

## WPA Test Dates

**Oct 23: register by Oct 6.**

**Nov 13: register by Oct 27.**

**Dec 4: register by Nov 19.**

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[www.psychology.sdsu.edu/advising/advising.htm](http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/advising/advising.htm)



## Featured Program of the Month: School Psychology



### What is School Psychology?

School Psychologists are licensed professionals who work with children, adolescents, families, school and communities. They are generally employed in school settings and have a broad range of duties. Primarily school psychologists do assessments on students, design classroom, family, and community interventions, crisis management, consultation, evaluation. All School Psychologists strive for the success of children emotionally, socially, and academically. While School Psychologists are trained to do therapy, many may not engage in therapy on a regular basis.

### What training do I need?

School psychology is a licensed position within California and much of the country. The licensing requirements in California are at least a named master's degree approved by the California Board of Psychology. Along with completing required course work there is a year-long internship that must be

completed before being licensed.

### Where will I work at?

School psychologist work in a wide variety of settings including:

- Public and private school systems
- School-based health centers
- Clinics and hospitals
- Private practice
- Universities
- Community and state agencies, and other institutions

School psychology is a growing profession and the demand is high and experts believe the demand will not diminish in the near future.

### How much can I earn?

The salary can range greatly within the profession depending on where you may work. School districts range from \$30,000 a year upward of \$60,000 a year. You may work for a single school and earn around \$45,000 a year while others may work for a district and earn higher salaries. School psychologist working in other settings can expect a similar pay scale but again, your

salary depends on experience, education, and who your employer may be.

### How can I prepare?

School psychology is primarily a helping profession degree so relevant hands-on experience is just as important as or more so than research experience unless you plan on attending a doctorate program. As with any graduate school program you will need good grades and good GRE scores. Take time to research programs you are interested in and learn their requirements for admission.

### The following classes at SDSU are good preparation

Psych 331,332,333  
Developmental classes  
Psych 340 Social Psych  
Psych 350 Abnormal  
Psych 452 Intro to Counseling & therapy  
Psych 470 Testing & Measurement  
Psych 495 Community Psych  
Psych 407 Health Psych

For more information check out the following websites:

<http://www.nasponline.org/>  
<http://www.schoolpsychology.net/>

## Laboratory Spotlight:

**Project FULFILL (Families Using Libraries For Increasing Lifelong Learning) with Dr. Patricia Scollay & Dr. Barbara McDonald**

Project FULFILL is directed by Dr. Patricia Scollay and Dr. Barbara McDonald and it focuses on life change. More specifically, how adults change and how they tell the story of their lives.

The California State Library System funds both project FULFILL and a similar project titled FFL (Families For Literacy). Project FFL participants have children under the age of five and meet with tutors once or twice a week.

The tutor designs the learning materials to meet the reader's needs. Project FULFILL is a longitudinal study of adult literacy learners and their tutors who are involved in the California State Library family literacy programs.



## Psychology Humor:

### What is psychology?

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Both qualitative and quantitative data are collected in annual interviews documenting such things as life change, social networks, self-perception, the importance of the tutor/learner relationship and children's literacy. Participants fall into one of four demographic groups that represent the new California: English speakers (interviewed in English), Spanish speakers (interviewed in English), Spanish speakers (interviewed in Spanish), and other language speakers (interviewed in English). Researchers collected data by calling over 250 participants, 130 tutors and 135 learners, and conducting a one hour phone interview that

consisted of demographic questions and open ended questions. Research assistants were trained to interview the participants and probe for answers. There were no force choice questions because they were collecting qualitative data that gave participants the opportunity to describe the world through their eyes. Research usually looks at quantitative data but this project used a mixed methodology design which requires both quantitative and qualitative data. Research assistants will learn about advanced research methods, design, and data analysis. Students will be able to help analyze the large amounts of

qualitative data. This lab is especially looking for Spanish speaking students who can transcribe and translate the data for the Spanish speakers. This is a great opportunity for students to get great research experience in a well developed lab setting. Thirteen students in this lab have presented at WPA conferences in the last three years!

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## Volunteering Spotlight:

### Boys & Girls Club of San Diego

October's volunteer spotlight is the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego. To volunteer download a volunteer application: <http://www.sdyouth.org/volunteer.htm>. You can help mentor, coach, run various programs, and tutor kids from 6-18 years old. There are many different

locations throughout San Diego needing volunteers. Also on November 18<sup>th</sup> there is an all day event where volunteers are needed to help build a playground. So if you are looking for volunteer experience and want to be a positive influence on the kids of San Diego, check out the Boys & Girls Club.

For more information contact Holland or Luis at: 619-525-1739



## FXI: PSI CHI



Are you looking for a way to get involved on campus? Would you like to get to know some great psych students just like yourself? Are you interested in getting first hand information regarding graduate schools and career options? If you answer yes, or even maybe, to any of these questions, then I encourage you to take part in Psi Chi / Psychology Club. Psi Chi is a national honorary society. The requirements are a 3.0 GPA in at least nine psychology units and at least a 3.0 in overall coursework. There is a one-time membership fee. However, The Psychology Club is open to any psychology major—there is no GPA restriction. Simply sign up and pay an annual fee of \$15. Both societies require an application which is due on **October 15<sup>th</sup> by noon**. These two clubs meet together on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in LS 244. The Psi Chi & Psychology Clubs strive to provide helpful information in the form of Guest Speakers, Graduate School Application Workshops, Leadership Opportunities, Social Events and much more.

### Upcoming Speakers:

October 6 ~ Jennifer Battaglia: Peer Advising Office "Asking for Letters of Recommendation"  
October 13 ~ Representative from Princeton Review Board "Tips for taking the GRE"  
October 20 ~ Representative from Financial Aid Office "Money after SDSU"

### Upcoming Social Events:

October 13 ~ Movie Night!  
October 17 ~ Breast Cancer Walk  
November ~ Initiation Ceremony