

Educational Psychologist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct student assessments to identify a psychological problem
- Design and implement suitable psychological intervention for the resolution of a behavioral or cognitive issue
- Liaise with teachers and parents to administer corrective measures for a psychological need that hinders learning
- Listen and interact with students to aid them in making the right choices
- Assist administrators in developing school policies that support teaching and learning process
- Organize programs that induce social and academic development in a learning group
- Counsel teachers by providing them tips on how to psychologically prepare students for learning
- Evaluate teaching methods and educational programs to ensure they are effective in promoting academic development
- Assist students with learning disabilities or physical challenge in overcoming/managing their health condition
- Carry out research and studies on human mental processes and how they impact the learning process
- Participate in case conferences and seminars where psychological innovations as relates to learning and social development are discussed
- Monitor the environment that influences learning and development to make necessary modifications
- Collaborate with professionals from different fields to develop strategies that promote educational and general development
- Prepare reports and maintain records of student assessment for recommendation purposes.

Educational Psychologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- **Education and Training:** Educational psychologists primarily need to obtain an undergraduate degree in any discipline, most preferably psychology, then enroll for advanced degree studies initially a Master's degree followed by a doctorate degree in educational psychology. The doctorate degree study often involves a 1200 hour supervised internship in a learning or research facility. Licensure and certification is usually required
- **Communication Skills:** Educational psychologists are able to properly interact with young people to help them overcome psychological issues
- **Empathy:** With their knowledge of affective mental processes, they are able to appeal to the emotions of teenagers when addressing sensitive issues
- **Observation Skills:** Educational psychologists possess keen observational skills and are adept to identifying mental or behavioral inconsistencies
- **Problem-Solving Skills:** As one of their key qualities, educational psychologists are able to proffer affective solutions to academic or psychological deviation.