

School Psychologist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversee the social, emotional and academic development of school students
- Address social problems students face in school, such as bullying and poor academic performance
- Organize programs that foster academic and social development
- Carry out student assessment to identify strength and weakness and then implement appropriate psychological intervention
- Listen and interact with school children to assist them with their problems, as well as counsel them
- Educate and counsel parents of school students on ways to relate better with children to help them develop academically and socially
- Provide teachers with training on the management of child learning disorders such as autism and ADHD
- Encourage and reward good behavior, as well as reprimand wrong conduct
- Assist physically and mental disadvantaged students in overcoming learning difficulties
- Work with parents and teachers in addressing students' emotional, academic, and behavioral issues
- Design and implement strategies that foster social and educational development
- Conduct research on new approach and techniques to increase learning and development
- Manage issues such as anxiety, depression, anger, and low self-esteem among students.

School Psychologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a school psychologist, you are required to obtain an undergraduate degree in psychology or in a related discipline, after which you go on to obtain a Master's and

doctorate degree in school psychology. Trainee school psychologists go for a year's internship and are required to pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology in order to obtain a license to practice. They may also be required to obtain various other certifications depending on the State

- **Observational Skill:** School psychologists usually have an eye for details and can easily identify an emotional or behavioral inconsistency
- **Problem-solving Skill:** Among their key qualities, school psychologists are able to proffer solutions to various psychological and academic problems
- **Patience:** Addressing a psychological issue is a gradual process and can be even more delicate with young people, thus school psychologists exercise lots of patience and tolerance.