

School Psychology Training Program

Dear Future School Psychologist:

We are pleased that you are interested in knowing more about the School Psychology Training Program at Radford University. We want you to know about our School Psychology Training Program at Radford University. You should know that the school psychology faculty at RU are doing some interesting work and **INVOLVING STUDENTS** in their projects.

Dr. Bucy coordinates our program and teaches an applied research course and early childhood assessment and intervention. She has arranged with a local school district for her students to complete all their gifted



Program Faculty

assessments and is developing a couple of research projects with **GIFTED CHILDREN**. Dr. Hiltonsmith is the current President of the Virginia Psychological Association and Virginia Association of School Psychologists. He developed a **STUDY ABROAD** program for our students and in the last five years, has taken two groups to Great Britain to study International School Psychology. This is a favorite among our students and we anticipate another trip in the near future. Dr. Mabry is involving students in two ongoing **NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING** and **NEUROREHABILITATION** research studies. Students are

administering neuropsychological instruments to adults with acquired brain injury and children living in rural areas that may be exposed to environmental toxins. She also supervises our student's work in the **AUTISM CENTER**. Dr. Mesmer's expertise is in **ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS**, how they are administered by teachers and whether students benefit from this intervention. He has recent publications on RTI for teachers and the impact of public feedback during team meetings on teacher implementation of interventions.

Maybe you are wondering if you can afford to come to Radford University. We have **AFFORDABLE TUITION** and fees. This year, our graduate students paid \$3597/semester in-state and \$6916/semester out-of-state. Most of our students are able to obtain 10-hour a week graduate assistantships that pay \$4000 for an academic year. Radford is also an **affordable place to live**. One bedroom apartments are available for \$400-\$500 per month and 2 bedrooms for \$500-\$850.



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We still haven't told you about our **PROGRESSIVE CURRICULUM**. You'll take assessment and intervention classes in cognition, neuropsychology, personality, early childhood, and academics. We have two counseling classes that will train you to work with individual students, small groups and to do crisis intervention counseling. **You'll be in the public schools**, working with kids starting in your first semester. In the second year, you'll spend 8 hours a week working with a school psychologist doing

assessment and interventions with real kids who have real problems. Your third year is a full-time internship in a school district that is usually a paid experience. About 1/2 of our students are out-of-state and

many elect to complete their **third year internship** in their HOME STATE, increasing the likelihood that they will be offered jobs there.

When you've completed our program, you'll earn an Ed. S. degree in School Psychology. If you want, you can take an additional six hours of coursework and take home a M.S. in Psychology as well. And just so you know, we are FULLY APPROVED by the National Association of School Psychologists and the Virginia Department of Education. Graduates are also eligible to apply to be a NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST after passing the national exam (since 2004, 89% of our students have passed on their first attempt).

You've chosen a great career with excellent employment prospects. The National Association of School Psychologists reports that there is a continuing nationwide shortage of school psychologist that will worsen in the coming years as more and more psychologists retire. Our program will prepare you to compete for these jobs. Since 2004, **100% of our graduates have found jobs** as school psychologists; many were hired before they graduated! We have graduates working in VA, NC, MD, CT, AZ, CO, IL, HI, TN, and GA, just to mention a few.

We have extended our **application deadline from February 15th to March 1st**. We hope you will apply to our program and if you do, that you will attend an OPEN HOUSE on Friday March 20th. You'll have a chance to meet the faculty and current students as well as tour our beautiful campus in the foothills of the BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS.

For more information, see our webpage at www.radford.edu/~psyc-web/School/overview.htm or EMAIL ME, Dr. Jayne Bucy, Program Coordinator at jebucy@radford.edu.

Best Wishes for your future,



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P.S. Don't forget about our OPEN HOUSE for program applicants on March 20th. We anticipate some FUNDING FOR TRAVEL will be available to applicants that let us know soon that they will be coming. So, **RSVP with Dr. Bucy <jebucy@radford.edu>** as soon as possible. Watch our website for an agenda and further information.

P.S.S. Members of our student group SPGO (SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE ORGANIZATION) are available to answer your questions and will meet with you at the OPEN HOUSE.