



ACADEMIC ALERT #2006-10

DATE: June, 2006
DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)
Department of Educational Psychology

Change in Application Deadline from April 15th to January 15th for:

**Educational Psychology (Ed.D.); 2 options: Human Learning and Development or
School Psychology**

**School Psychology (Ed.S.)
Educational Psychology (M.Ed.; C.A.S.)**

**Note: The rolling application for M.Ed. and M.S.Ed. in Educational
Psychology/Human Learning and Development remains the same.**

Rationale

The current deadline for students applying to all degree programs in the Department of Educational Psychology has been, until now, October 15th and April 15th. In contrast, application deadlines for School and Educational Psychology programs in the Chicago area (e.g., Loyola University and Northern Illinois University), and across the country, is in January. The American Psychological Association, for example, requires that all psychology programs listed in the "Graduate Study in Psychology" notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection before April 15th, and applicants must accept or reject an offer, in writing, by or on April 15th (<http://www.apa.org/ed/getin.html>).

To remain competitive with other Educational Psychology programs, the application deadline is being changed from April 15th to January 15th for the following degree programs in the Department of Educational Psychology: Educational Psychology Doctoral Program (Ed.D.); School Psychology Program (Ed.S.); and the Educational Psychology/Human Learning and Development Programs (M.Ed. and M.S.Ed.) The programs will continue to have two application deadlines each year, one on October 15th, as it exists now, and one on January 15th.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: January 19, 2006
Faculty Senate Approval: Not required; Point of Information
Provost Approval: Not required; Point of Information

Program Authorizations: The Educational Psychology Doctoral Program (Ed.D.); School Psychology Program (Ed.S.; Ed.D.); and Educational Psychology Program (M.Ed.; C.A.S.; M.S.Ed.) are authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 15th will go into effect in 2007; April 15th will be in effect in
2006 but no years after.**

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Application Deadlines for All Programs

	October 15	January 15	April 15 *	Rolling application
Ed.D Educational Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Learning and Development • School Psychology 	x ¹	x ²	Last time in 2006	
M.Ed. and C.A.S. Educational Psychology	x ¹	x ²	Last time in 2006	
Ed.S. School Psychology	x ¹	x ²	Last time in 2006	
M.Ed. and M.S.Ed. in Educational Psychology/Human Learning and Development				x

Note: * This application deadline is being eliminated.
x¹ Current application deadline remains the same
x² New application deadline added beginning January 07

Implementation

The application deadline changes must be built into Banner, and curriculum rules written for Banner.

Office of Admissions needs to make changes to application materials as necessary.

The application change must be noted in all written materials for students.

The application deadline change must be added to the 2007-2008 catalog.