

Overview of the SEED graduate program

	Doctorate without vocational training	Doctorate with leadership training (experienced psychologists)	Doctorate with vocational training (entry-level psychologists)
Professional practice		✓	✓
Requirement			
Master degree in psychology	✓	✓	✓
Master degree in related field (equivalence test)	✓		
Duration in semesters	approx. 7	approx. 8	approx. 9
Publication-based dissertation & doctoral defense	✓	✓	✓
Training			
University doctorate	✓	✓	✓
Research and communication	✓	✓	✓
Leadership training		✓	✓
Vocational training		(✓)	✓
Professional practice training		(✓)	✓
Degree			
Dr. phil /PhD	✓	✓	✓
Swiss Federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP"			✓



Department of Psychology



The Department of Psychology at the University of Basel offers the first graduate degree program in school psychology, developmental diagnostics and educational counseling in German with simultaneous research and professional training. The scientific training is completed with a doctoral degree. The postgraduate vocational training can be done in parallel and leads to the Swiss federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP".

Mission statement

The SEED graduate program is committed to the principle "Fostering children to achieve their best — at school, at home, in life"

Objective

The main objective is to promote the academic and professional careers of child and adolescent psychologists via scientific training in the fields of school psychology, educational counseling and psycho-social care for children, adolescents and families. The main focus of the SEED graduate program is the development of scientific expertise in basic and applied research in accordance with the mission statement.

The doctorate with vocational training trains child and adolescent psychologists with interest in leadership. Parallel to the scientific training, it

- teaches professionally relevant, scientifically based knowledge and skills,
- practical vocational skills under specialist supervision, and
- promotes a professionally and socially competent, critical attitude.

The postgraduate training is based on national and international professional standards. It leads to the Swiss federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP".

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Target groups

SEED is aimed at three target groups

- students with scientific interest in child and adolescent psychology research topics,
- entry-level child and adolescent psychologists with an interest in scientific, vocational and leadership training (doctorate with vocational training),
- child and adolescent psychologists with professional experience in the fields of school psychology and educational counseling who have an interest in scientific and leadership training (doctorate with leadership training).

Admission requirements

Applicants must have a master or equivalent degree in psychology and an interest in psychological research in the area of child and adolescent psychology.

The doctorate without specialized training can be applied for by candidates with a master's degree in related disciplines. In this case, students must pass an equivalence test. The doctoral committee may impose conditions for final acceptance. The eligibility criteria are set out in the doctoral regulations of the Department of Psychology.

Degree

The graduate program leads to the title of Doctor Philosophiae (Dr. phil.; PhD) on the basis of scientific publications and the doctoral defense.

The doctorate with professional training complies with the criteria for obtaining the Swiss federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP".

Application

The SEED graduate program accepts five doctoral students per year. Courses start in the spring semester. The deadline for applications is published on the SEED website (www.seed.psycho.unibas.ch).

Project leader

The SEED graduate program is integrated in the Department of Development and Personality Psychology at the University of Basel (Prof. Alexander Grob). The international and national experts of the Scientific Advisory Board regularly review the quality of the graduate program.

Research

The main focus is basic and applied research relating to the SEED principle "Fostering children to achieve their best — at school, at home, in life". The interdisciplinary research platform includes members of the Department of Psychology (in particular, Developmental Psychology), the School Psychology Services of the Cantons Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft, the University Children's Hospital Basel, and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic Basel-Stadt. The scientific advisory board will contribute to the strategic importance of research topics.

Curriculum

The vocational training curriculum is applicable for a large range of child and adolescent psychology services and is grounded in current scientific research and school psychology practice. The curriculum contains academic content in: (1) core knowledge in psychology and education, (2) professional knowledge and skills in assessment and intervention, (3) transnational school psychology, (4) professional practice of school psychologists, and (5) interpersonal and leadership skills. The content of the curriculum is based on national and international (ISPA and NASP) standards and leads to the Swiss federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP".

Professional practice training

Candidates for the graduate program with vocational training must have undertaken child and adolescent psychological service employment of at least 40 percent for a minimum of 4 years and need at least 200 units of practice supervision and practice evaluation to apply for the Swiss federal title "specialist psychologist in the field of child and adolescent psychology FSP".