APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS

When is application material due?

All application material is due by February 15th. In some years, a second application deadline is posted. However, those who complete applications by the February 15th deadline will have greater opportunities for financial support.

What is the next step after I complete my application?

If you meet the necessary standards, you will be contacted by Graduate Admissions regarding open dates to attend an interview session. The two hour sessions occur on a Thursday during the morning and afternoon. Interviews will take place between late January and March.

Will the interview be in group format or one on one?

The first part of the interview is in a small group format. The full school psychology faculty facilitate the interview along with current students within the program. The latter part of the session, each candidate gets to meet one on one with a school psychology faculty member.

What is the function of the interview process?

Both the group and individual sessions are designed to encourage free flowing discussion between faculty, current students, and candidates. We have found this combined format as way to get to know each candidate and a time for you to gather information about Saint Rose and the program.

A representative of graduate admissions will also be available to discuss issues such as financial aid applications, housing, and other financial considerations such as scholarships and assistantships.

When will I be notified of my acceptance status?

All candidates will be notified no later than April 1st as to their status. All candidates who were accepted to the program have to notify us by April 15th on their plans of attending.

Is there a wait list?

We do have a wait list as each year we are honored to have many qualified applicants but unfortunately have limited space. After April 15th, we will contact those on the wait list about their acceptance status.

What is the significance of the April 15th acceptance date?

Determining which graduate program to attend is one of the most important educational decisions a prospective school psychologist will make. Along with several other school psychology training programs, we believe all student candidates deserve the opportunity to consider their options and admission offers before making such a decision.
This policy is consistent with policies set by Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs (CDSPP), Trainers of School Psychologists (TSP), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and the Trainers of School Psychologists: New York. Click here and here for more information.

Do I need to bring anything to the interview?

While supplies will be available, we do recommend that you bring note taking material and a bottle of water. You are welcome to bring any other documents that you may not have included in your application packet. Also, during the last part of the interview, you will be asked for a spontaneous writing sample based on the article provided to you by Graduate Admissions. You may bring the article as a reference.

Will I be able to contact current students to ask questions about your program?

We will gladly put you in touch with current student representatives both during and after the interview process. We feel that they can provide you with greater insight into the program and their experiences.

If I am accepted, may I defer the acceptance for the following year?

While deferments are not possible, we would encourage you to reapply when you are ready to attend.