STOUT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

# PROGRAM APPLICATION

**MSed/Ed.S Graduate Program in School Psychology**
**School of Education**
**College of Education, Hospitality, Health and Human Sciences**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and complete this form and <u>submit all materials</u> to the email and/or address listed below, including program application, resume, personal statement and reference letters. <u>Please read all directions carefully</u> in order to properly complete your application. ***Note:** An online graduate school application is <u>also required</u> (see graduate school or school psychology web pages for link):

**Email: klandermanh@uwstout.edu  and/or mail to:**
**UW-Stout**
**School Psychology Admissions**
**c/o Heather Klanderman**
**267 Heritage Hall**
**Menomonie, WI  54751**

## I. General and Contact Information

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____  State _____  Zip _____

Current Phone: _____  Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____  *GRE* scores provided (*optional*):

Highest college degree earned:           _____Yes      _____No

B.A./B.S. _____     (GPA _____)        M.A./M.S. _____    (GPA _____)

B.S Major: _____  Year awarded/anticipated _____

Master's Major: _____  Year awarded/anticipated _____
(if applicable)

## II. Program to which you are Applying

_____ MS.Ed School Psychology (choose this program if you are coming straight from undergrad and/or do not hold a master's degree; or an advanced degree in a field unrelated to psychology or education)

_____ EdS School Psychology (choose this program if you hold Master's degree in a field related to psychology or education)

## III. Resume

Submit a resume that highlights the following:

a.  Educational history, including all institutions of higher ed that you attended with dates, and degrees earned (or date anticipated);
b.  Employment history (including military service) and dates of service (include a description of the role if necessary);
c.  Volunteer, practicum, internship and other relevant experiences.
d.  Other achievements or experiences to support your application.

## IV. Written Personal Statement

Submit a separate document, a personal narrative that incorporates the following
**(3-pgs max., dbl-spaced)** *(online grad appl. statement is not also required, write "see attached" or similar):*

a.  Describe your potential as a graduate student in school psychology, as well as your motivation for entering the program, including professional goals as you currently perceive them.
b.  Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and functions of the school psychologist as you currently understand it.
c.  Illustrate in concrete terms what you have done in the past (education, employment, volunteer or life experiences) that demonstrates interest in and commitment to children, learning, and/or vulnerable populations (eg, individuals with disabilities, disadvantaged youth)
d.  Describe any personal characteristics such as leadership experience/potential, which support your suitability to work with vulnerable populations in a professional helping role.
e.  Tell us how you learned of the School Psychology Graduate Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

## V. References

Obtain three (3) current and dated letters of reference from persons who are personally acquainted with your work skills, work behaviors and/or educational background. List references below. All reference letters should describe the applicant's abilities in the following areas:

a.  Overall attitude and potential to succeed in graduate studies
b.  Motivation and initiative
c.  Interpersonal skills and ability to relate to people
d.  Ability to work independently and as part of a team/group
e.  Critical thinking and reasoning skills
f.  Any potential areas of concern (performance or behavior) related to ability to work with vulnerable populations

**\*Please advise references of the program application deadline to assure their submission is postmarked or emailed (*same contact information as above*) on or before <u>January 10</u>.** *NOTE: By including the names and contact information for recommenders you are waiving your right to review reference information once it becomes part of your admission file.*

| Name of Recommender | Email |
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| 2. | |
| 3. | |

*(Incomplete or late applications (program <u>and</u> Grad School) will not be reviewed)\**

## VI. Required Background Check

a. The University of Wisconsin system requires a background check as part of the application process for all degrees leading to licensure though the state Department of Public Instruction.

b. In order to complete your application process, you will need to obtain a background check by following the link provided here (must be this link; we cannot accept forwarded results from prior background checks).

c. There is a minimal cost associated with the process and results will be forwarded to our institution automatically by following the directions provided in the link below.

d. It is worth noting that common minor and/or juvenile offenses will not be harshly scrutinized. Offenses that would be considered relevant to the application process at UW-Stout are those that would be inconsistent with one's ability to obtain an educator's license in the state of Wisconsin.

e. Please note that a background check must be completed before we can send any official letter of admittance into the program. You can click on the hyperlink below or copy and paste into a URL:

https://www.uwstout.edu/academics/colleges-schools/school-education/background-checks