WHAT IS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST?

- Part counselor, part-clinician, part-administrator in a school setting.
- Seeks to apply psychological principles and techniques to the educational environment.¹
- Uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students’ ability to learn and teachers’ ability to teach.²
- Able to tackle behavioral and learning issues, evaluate performance, implement corrective plans, and counsel all involved.
WHY CONSIDER SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY?

• During 2015-16 school year, 75-80 positions were unfilled in Washington alone.³

• School psychology is a recognized critical shortage area.⁴

• Employment in the counseling profession projected to grow 20% between 2014-2024.⁵

• School Psychologist positions expected to grow by 16,400 jobs between 2012-2022.⁶

• Mean wage for School Psychologists Washington - $69,430 (May 2016).⁷
DEMAND FOR THE PROGRAM

- Location Quotient of counselors by area. 8
- Spokane registers at 0.98, or less than average. 8
- Most of the American West is dramatically underserved.
- In the greater PNW (AK, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WY) there are only 12 comparable programs. 9
• **Post-bachelor’s track**
  – 68 credit hours over six semesters
  – Final year is 1200-hour internship
  – Large national market of undergraduates

• **Post-master’s track**
  – 44 credit hours over six consecutive semesters
  – Final year is 1200-hour internship
  – Large national market of qualified candidates looking to grow professionally
• We will enroll 15-18 candidates in post-bachelor’s track in Fall 2018.
• The first group (15-18 candidates) of post-master’s candidates will begin in Summer of 2019
• Tuition rate is regionally competitive & not prohibitive to enrollment
• Mission of service requires that we rise to meet this need.
• Groundwork is in existence with uniquely qualified faculty and collaboration for courses across existent departments
• Potential for strategic growth and sustainable revenue
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