

**Proposal to drop the GRE as a requirement for applying to the School Psychology Ph.D program.**

The school psychology program is seeking approval to drop the GRE as a requirement for applying to the PhD program. We are seeking to make this change for the following primary reasons.

First, as a practical matter we do not place a great deal of value on GRE scores in making admissions decisions.

Second, from an equity perspective, we are concerned that requiring the GRE is not compatible with our program's social justice focus, particularly with so many other programs both within IU and across the country moving to no longer require this exam.

Finally, from a recruitment perspective, we dropped the GRE as a requirement for our EdS program and had a larger and more diverse application pool than the years prior, which has resulted in a more diverse Fall 2021 cohort.

While this change in the application pool for the EdS program may or may not have had anything to do with dropping the GRE as an admissions requirement--one year does not make a long-term trend and there are a number of factors that impact admissions figures--we are very encouraged by this development and simply do not want to place any unnecessary barriers for PhD applications.

Vote Issued: February 26, 2021

28 total faculty members

3 on Sabbatical

1 serving as SoE EAD

1 on approved leave

15 voted to accept proposed changes

1 abstained from voting

7 did not vote