



Elgin Community College Transfer Guide for School of Professional Studies North Park University Bachelor of Arts in Counseling Psychology

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Program Description

The major in counseling psychology provides a foundation of psychological principles to apply to personal, social, and organizational problems. Emphasis is on interaction with clients in professional settings as human services and social services agencies, or the corporate workplace. Some aspects of this perspective include: a strong focus on multicultural issues, the emphasis on an individual's strengths (rather than deficits), and the importance of viewing individuals from within a developmental context. All students must complete a practicum in which theory learned in the classroom will be applied to real-life situations.

Program Highlights

Accelerated format	Earn 4-8 semester hours every seven weeks
Class format	Seven-week courses meet face-to-face (once/week) or online; CPSY major coursework is only offered in the classroom.
BA degree	Flexible BA general education requirements allow for maximum transfer credit
Prior learning assessment	Up to 20 credits can be earned through Prior Learning Assessment; PLA Coordinator will assist student to determine credit possible; can include corporate/ occupational training and learning gained from work experience
Financial aid	Student loans, Federal Pell Grants, and Illinois MAP Grant benefits; some scholarships available
Books & Materials	Can be ordered online
Intended audience	Working students who need to complete a bachelor's degree while continuing to work

Admission Requirements

- 12 hours of transferable college-level coursework with a 2.00/4.00 cumulative GPA
- North Park will accept in transfer up to 90 semester hours from two-year and four-year institutions
- Completion of IAI general education core fulfills most BA core requirements

Application Procedure

- Complete online application; no application fee
- Submit official transcripts from all previous college work

Transferring Major Counseling Psychology Courses

- A minimum grade of C or better is required to waive a course in the counseling psychology major
- Courses are waived at the discretion of the major department faculty chair

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of major coursework (36-40 SH, in transfer and/or at North Park)
- Completion of core general education requirements (in transfer and/or at North Park)
- Minimum graduation requirement of 120 semester hours; minimum residency requirement of 32 semester hours earned at NPU
- A "C" average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) for all work taken at NPU
- A "C" average within the major

The following are the North Park University core general education requirements and their Elgin Community College equivalents. The IAI Common Core requirements for the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science from Elgin Community College will fulfill the majority of core curriculum requirements for general education at North Park University.

This transfer guide is designed to assist students with their academic planning. Every effort is made to maintain accurate information; however, this information is subject to frequent change. In some cases, only a sampling of courses has been included. Courses within each general education category designated "IAI" will transfer to North Park's School of Professional Studies. Students should contact Leslie Bertholdt to keep informed of changes, as final responsibility for verifying information rests with the student.

**Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Arts — General Education Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	Elgin Community College Equivalent Course Option(s)
Foundation Seminar	4	Transfer equivalents must be approved by School of Adult Learning faculty/staff
Writing Intensive Course	4	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Written Communication category [fulfilled in CPSY major coursework]
Research Writing	4	NA
Analytical Reasoning	4	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Math category
Biblical Studies	4	NA
Christian Life & Thought	4	HUM 202 or 203 or 204
Culture and Society	8	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Social/Behavioral Science or Humanities Categories [partially fulfilled in CPSY major coursework]
Health & Well-Being	2	Coursework in personal health, personal development, psychological wellness and development
Art & Aesthetic Interpretation	2	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Fine Arts category
Ethical Reasoning	2	Coursework in any disciplinary approach to ethics (philosophy, business, religion) [fulfilled in CPSY major coursework]
Intercultural & Global Competence	8	Coursework in Global (non-US) history, foreign language, intercultural communication, global, international, or comparative studies, international politics, business, or economics
Natural Sciences	4	Minimum of 4 sh in life and/or physical science with lab component (Note: May be met by a single 4 sh class in physical or life science)

**Transfer Guide
Counseling Psychology — Major Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	ECC Equivalent Course Option(s)
CPSY Major Co-Requisites:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • Intro to Psychology 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTH 120: Elementary Statistics • PSY 100: Intro to Psychology
Counseling Psychology Major Courses		ECC Equivalent Course Options
CPSY 2010: Research Methods & Design	4	NA
CPSY 3020: Lifespan Development	4	PSY 212 or PSY 213 or PSY 214 or PSY 218
CPSY 4060: Personality	4	PSY 210
CPSY 4070: Learning	4	NA
CPSY 4120: Biopsychosocial Disorders	4	PSY 216
CPSY 3040: Psychobiology	4	NA
CPSY 3800: Principles of Counseling Diverse Populations	4	NA
CPSY 4130: Helping Skills for the Human Services	4	NA
CPSY 4400: Practicum in Human Psychology	4	NA
Total	36	<i>NOTE: A maximum of 20 SH in the major may be replaced by transfer courses. (At least 50% of the major must be completed at North Park University.)</i>