

**Transfer Guide for the City Colleges  
North Park University  
School of Professional Studies  
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; <b>CPSY major coursework is only offered in the classroom.</b>
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 from the City Colleges**

- A minimum grade of C or better is required from the City Colleges 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 City Colleges of Chicago equivalents. The IAI Common Core requirements for the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science from City Colleges of Chicago 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 should contact their admissions advisor 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	City Colleges Equivalent Course Option(s)
Foundation Seminar	4	<b>CIS 120 and CSS 101</b>
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	RELIGN 102 and 103
Christian Life & Thought	4	PHL 108 or RELIGN 100, 106, or 107, SOC 110
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	HEALTH 250
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 (CPSY)—Major Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	City Colleges Equivalent Course Option(s)
<b>CPSY Major Co-Requisites:</b>	8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Intro to Psychology</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTH 125: Introductory Statistics</li> <li>• PSY 201: General Psychology</li> </ul>
<b>Counseling Psychology Major Courses</b>		<b>City Colleges Equivalent Course Option(s)</b>
CPSY 2010: Research Methods & Design	4	NA
CPSY 3020: Lifespan Development	4	PSY 207, or PSY 214, or PSY 222, or PSY 224
CPSY 4060: Personality	4	PSY 215
CPSY 4070: Learning	4	NA
CPSY 4120: Biopsychosocial Disorders	4	PSY 213
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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36 SH</b>	