



# Harper College Transfer Guide for 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

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| Accelerated format        | Earn 4-8 semester hours every seven weeks   |
| Class format              | Seven-week courses meet face-to-face (once/week) or online; <b>Counseling Psychology is available in the classroom only.</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

## 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 requirements/courses and their Harper College equivalents. The Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science from Harper College will fulfill the University Core Curriculum requirements required for general graduation purposes 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 their admissions advisor to keep informed of changes, as final responsibility for verifying information rests with the student.*

**Bachelor of Arts — General Education Requirements**

| North Park Requirements           | Credits | Harper 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 Counseling Psychology 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       | PHI 205 or 220  |
| Human Society                     | 8       | Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Social/Behavioral Science or Humanities Categories [partially fulfilled in Counseling Psychology 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 Counseling Psychology 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)  |

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Counseling Psychology (CPSY)—Major Requirements**

| North Park Requirements   | Credits      | Harper Equivalent Course Option(s)   |
|---|--------------|--|
| <b>CPSY Major Co-Requisites:</b>  | 4            |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Intro to Psychology</li> </ul> |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTH 165: Elementary Statistics</li> <li>• PSY 101: Intro to Psychology</li> </ul> |
| <b>CPSY Major Courses</b>   |              | <b>Harper Equivalent Course Option(s)</b>  |
| CPSY 2010: Res. Methods & Design  | 4            | NA   |
| CPSY 3020: Lifespan Development   | 4            | PSY 216, 217, 218, or PSY 228  |
| CPSY 4060: Personality  | 4            | PSY 225  |
| CPSY 4070: Learning   | 4            | NA   |
| CPSY 4120: Biopsychosocial Disorders  | 4            | PSY 230  |
| CPSY 3040: Psychobiology  | 4            | NA   |
| CPSY 3800: Principles of Counseling<br>Diverse Populations                                    | 4            | HMS 121  |
| CPSY 4130: Helping Skills for the Human<br>Services   | 4            | HMS 102  |
| CPSY 4400: Practicum  | 4            | NA   |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>36 SH</b> | <b>NOTE: At least 50% of major coursework must be completed at North Park University.</b>                                  |