

McHenry County 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

Accelerated format	Earn 4-8 semester hours every seven weeks
Class format	Seven-week courses meet face-to-face (once/week) or online; Counseling Psychology major coursework offered only 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 from McHenry County College

- A minimum grade of C or better is required from MVCC 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 requirements/courses and their McHenry County College equivalents. The Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science from McHenry County College will fulfill the University Core Curriculum requirements required for general graduation purposes at North Park University. The following North Park requirements are not fulfilled by the AA or AS degrees:

- Foundation Seminar
- Writing Intensive (fulfilled in major)
- Biblical Studies
- Christian Life & Thought (MCC: PHI 240 or 261 or 262)

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.

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

North Park Requirements	Credits	McHenry County College Equivalent Course Option(s)
Foundation Seminar	4	Transfer equivalents must be approved by School of Prof. Studies faculty/staff
Writing Intensive Course	4	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Written Communication category [fulfilled in 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 240, or 261, or 262
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)

**Transfer Guide
Counseling Psychology—Major Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	MCC Equivalent Course Option(s)
CPSY Major Co-Requisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics • Intro to Psychology 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTH 220: Statistics • PSY 151: Intro to Psychology
Counseling Psychology Major Courses		MCC Equivalent Course Option(s)
CPSY 2010: Research Methods & Design	4	NA
CPSY 3020: Lifespan Development	4	PSY 250, or PSY 251, or 255, or 260
CPSY 4060: Personality	4	PSY 280
CPSY 4070: Learning	4	NA
CPSY 4120: Biopsychosocial Disorders	4	PSY 275
CPSY 3040: Psychobiology	4	NA
CPSY 3800: Prin. of Counseling Diverse Populations	4	NA
CPSY 4130: Helping Skills for Human Services	4	NA
CPSY 4400: Practicum in Human Psychology	4	NA
Total	36 SH	NOTE: At least 50% of major coursework must be completed at North Park University.