Master of Science in Clinical Psychology
Benedictine University’s Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychology program provides the coursework, clinical experience and theoretical orientation needed by the student pursuing a career in counseling. The program also prepares students to take the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) examination and the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) examination.

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychology program uses a variety of teaching methods, including case studies in combination with laboratories, to better integrate academic information with practical application. It also requires an internship for further application of learned concepts in the workplace setting.

For more than 30 years, the M.S. in Clinical Psychology program at Benedictine University has been preparing students for careers in counseling, psychotherapy, mental health services and social services for all age groups. The curriculum is continually updated to reflect the most current therapeutic techniques and practices.

The M.S. in Clinical Psychology program consists of an academic and professional education that is grounded in client-centered theory and practice. Benedictine’s students are trained in a variety of theoretical perspectives that expand their skills. Extensive field experience in mental health settings is also an essential part of the program. The curriculum prepares students to take the Illinois Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) examination and the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) examination. With a superior reputation for preparing students for the workforce, Benedictine’s graduates are employed in private practice, public mental health centers, hospitals, residential treatment facilities and social service agencies helping individuals and families. The program partners with the National Board for Certified Counselors to host the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification twice a year, allowing students to take the exam prior to graduation.

The M.S. in Clinical Psychology program is a quarter program. There are four, 10-week quarters per year and 90 credits are required to graduate. Students have the option to attend full or part time. Classes are offered during the day, in the evening and on weekends.

“I can honestly say that Benedictine’s M.S. in Clinical Psychology program was one of the highlights of my life. I feel extremely fortunate to have been accepted into the program. Without exception, the faculty was supportive and helpful, and the foundation of client-centered counseling courses provided invaluable tools for future courses. The blend of younger and returning students was another strength. I feel well prepared for entering this field and am enjoying my work immensely.”

Daniel Frett, counselor at Guided Path Psychological Services, Palatine, Ill., and volunteer at Suicide Prevention Services, Batavia, Ill.
The M.S. in Clinical Psychology program offers students an extensive list of courses from which to choose. The following is a sampling of courses available to students in the program:

- Clinical Interviewing and Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- Principles of Behavior Modification
- Psychology of Women
- Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling
- Methods of Research
- Counseling Laboratory
- Stress Management
- Cognitive Therapy
- Addictions and the Family
- Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Group Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Research in Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Theory and Practice of Play Therapy with Children
- Human Development: Infancy and Childhood
- Human Sexuality
- Art Therapy

Prerequisites
Students must have completed two of the following four courses prior to admission:
- General Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Theories of Personality
- Statistics

An interview is also a part of the admissions process.

Courses

Concentrations allow students to develop special expertise in psychological approaches to understand and treat specific populations. Students who choose a concentration complete the core courses required of all M.S. in Clinical Psychology students. In addition, they complete a series of classes in the concentration and acquire clinical experience relevant to the area.

Child
From the core courses:
- MCP 646  Human Development: Infancy and Childhood
- MCP 647  Human Development: Adolescence
- MCP 664  Psychological Assessment: Measurement and Test Evaluation

From the elective courses:
- MCP 560  Principles of Behavior Modification
- MCP 650  Art Therapy
- MCP 653  Behavior Disorders of Childhood
- MCP 655  Theory and Techniques of Play Therapy with Children

Clinical field placement:
- MCP 690 or 691 Supervised Field Experience in Mental Health in a setting treating children and adolescents

Marriage and Family
From the core courses:
- MCP 550  Addictions and the Family
- MCP 551  Alcohol and other Substances of Abuse
- MCP 648  Human Development: Adulthood
- MCP 672  Marriage and Family: Systems and Theory
- MCP 673  Workshop in Marital Therapy

From the electives:
- MCP 580  Psychology of Women
- MCP 649  Human Sexuality

Clinical field placement:
- MCP 690 or 691 Supervised Field Experience in Mental Health in a setting treating families and couples

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The Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychology program faculty do not simply lecture – they involve you. In the classroom, you will be guided through a learning environment that builds as much on your own experience and understanding as theirs. Most importantly, Benedictine’s faculty are experienced professionals who couple exemplary credentials with up-to-date knowledge, keeping them at the cutting edge of their professions and their disciplines. All faculty are members of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology. The Clinical Psychology core faculty include:

**James K. Crissman, Ph.D.**  
*Professor, Chair, Sociology/Psychology Programs*  
Ph.D., 1980, The University of Akron  
M.S., 1973, B.S., 1972, East Tennessee State University

**Dianne R. Moran, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor, Psychology, Clinical Psychology*  
M.A., 1984, Ph.D., 1988, University of Notre Dame  
B.A., 1979, University of Illinois (Chicago)

**Margaret Salyer, M.S., LCPC**  
*Program Director, Clinical Psychology*  
M.S., 1996, Benedictine University  
B.A., 1971, Northern Illinois University

**Alexey Shukin, Ph.D.**  
*Professor, Clinical Psychology*  
Ph.D., 1964, The University of Chicago  
M.S., 1956, B.A., 1954, Springfield College (Mass.)

**Michael C. Smith, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology*  
Ph.D., 1991, Illinois Institute of Technology  
B.A., 1984, University of Illinois-Springfield