

CLINICAL/COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY MINOR (CHILD/ADOLESCENT POPULATIONS)

The Clinical/Counseling Minor in Child/Adolescent Populations is appropriate for individuals planning careers in Psychology (Clinical/Counseling), Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, or any other field tied to the provision of mental health services. A minor in clinical/counseling psychology is useful for individuals interested in providing therapeutic services to a variety of client populations. Whereas some opportunities directly related to psychology do exist for bachelor's degree holders (e.g., assistants in rehabilitation centers, or in other jobs involving data collection and analysis), attaining an advanced degree in the field (e.g., Master or Doctorate) leads to a broader array of potential career opportunities. Individuals interested in advanced degrees in psychology have the opportunity to learn psychotherapeutic approaches (e.g., psychodynamic, interpersonal, cognitive-behavioral, eclectic) to treat a variety of adjustment and mental health problems with various populations.

Minors are an important part of the undergraduate curriculum. If students declare a minor by sophomore year, they can usually complete it in a timely manner. Students should work with their advisor to determine if it is possible that the minor can be completed by graduation.

To receive a minor, a student must complete at least 9 credit hours of coursework distinct from their major(s) and from other minors, and students must complete more than 50% of the coursework required for the minor at Canisius. Please note that "ancillary/supporting" courses required for a major may still count as distinct courses as long as the remaining coursework still meets the 30 credit-hours required for a major. For more information about minor policies, please see the Declaring Majors and Minors (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/student-records/declaring-majors-minors/>) page in the catalog.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 373	Behavior Modification	3
PSY 384	Child & Adolescent Psychopathology	3
PSY 203	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
Choose three of the following:		9
COM 304	Family Communication	
PSY 310	Applied Behavioral Analysis	
PSY 312	Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities ¹	
PSY 334	Child, Family and Community Psychology	
PSY 370	School Psychology ²	
PSY 398	Neurobiology of Childhood Mental Disorders ³	
PSY 498	Psychology Practicum (must take 498C - clinical counseling psychology practicum)	
PSY 452	Techniques of Counseling	
PSY 453	Theories of Counseling	
Total Credits		18

¹ Please note that PSY 312 requires a minimum grade of C in PSY 101 or PSY 102 and in both PSY 201 and PSY 202

² Please note that PSY 203 is a prerequisite course for PSY 370

³ Please note that PSY 398 requires a minimum grade of C in PSY 397 or BIO 114 or permission of instructor