

Counseling Psychologist

Background –

Counseling Psychologists work to assess and evaluate an individual's problems through the use of interviewing, observation and counseling therapy interventions. Generally, counseling psychologists work to assist the individual in achieving their personal, social, vocational or educational goals. They may also address issues related to development or adjustment.*

What is the annual salary of a Counseling Psychologist? \$78, 690**

How does a Counseling Psychologist differ from a Clinical Psychologist: There is a lot of overlap in training for Counseling Psychologist and Clinical Psychologists. However, while a Clinical Psychologist is typically trained in more severe pathology (psychosis), a Counseling Psychologist may be interested in diversity, multicultural issues, and relationship issues. Also, Counseling Psychologists typically do not work in university or research settings.

What classes at GVSU may help me in my future career? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **COM 301** – Interpersonal Communication
2. **COM 302** – Small Group Communication
3. **PSY 303** – Psychopathology
4. **PSY 310** – Behavior Modification
5. **PSY 381** – Group Dynamics
6. **PSY 432** – Psychopharmacology
7. **PSY 452** – Counseling: Theories & Applications



Additional Education – A Counseling Psychologist has a Ph.D in Psychology and they must also carry a clinical license. However, you can also do talk therapy (without the title of Counseling Psychologist but with the title of “counselor”) with a masters degree.

For More Information about Licensure at the masters level- <https://counselor-license.com/states/michigan-counselor-license>

What skills are applicable to this career? Social perceptiveness, active listening, critical thinking, communication skills (oral and written), and problem sensitivity are important in this career field.

Employer Possibilities - Counseling Psychologists may be employed at hospitals, mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, private practice, and schools.

*O*Net – Counseling Psychologist

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