

EXPLORE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY CAREERS

WHAT IS CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY?

Clinical psychology integrates the science of psychology with the prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of a wide variety of complicated human problems, and emotional and behavioral disorders. These range from short-term crises, such as difficulties resulting from adolescent conflicts, to more severe, chronic conditions such as schizophrenia. Some clinical psychologists treat specific problems exclusively, such as phobias or clinical depression. Others focus on specific populations — for instance, youths; families or couples; ethnic minority groups; gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals; or the elderly.

FREQUENT JOB TITLES

- Clinical Psychologist
- Child Clinical Psychologist
- Assistant/Associate Professor
- Research Associate – Clinical Psychology
- Clinical Research Coordinator

KEY SKILLS

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Written & Verbal Communication
- Complex Problem Solving
- Monitoring

RELATED STUDENT ORGS

- Psychology Club
- Psi, Chi UW-Madison Chapter
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- ASK.LISTEN.SAVE
(Suicide Prevention at UW)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)
- Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology
- Bachelor's Degree

COMMON EMPLOYERS

- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospital Medical Centers
- Dept. of Corrections
- State Agencies
- Mental Health Clinics
- Private Practice

LICENSURE

- Follow state licensure requirements for professional clinical practice

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Psychological Association

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Gain on-campus research experience
- Gain experience working 1:1 and/or in small groups, with populations of interest