

## Psychology; Bachelor of Science Program Outcomes

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To help students who have different career goals, the Clarion Psychology department offers both a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree—and we offer two optional concentrations within the B.S. degree: Applied Mental Health and Applied Developmental Psychology. Because the concentrations are optional and because the degree programs are flexible, a B.S. degree student who wants to specialize in both counseling and developmental psychology may choose both concentrations, a student who wants to specialize only in either counseling or developmental psychology may choose one concentration, and a student not wanting to specialize may choose not to have a concentration. The major requirements for all degrees are similar in the first two years, allowing students to switch between degree options and to readjust career objectives. All degrees are designed to prepare the student for success in the job market or in graduate school.

### Program Outcomes:

1. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will know the theories, major concepts and mechanisms, which explain human thought and behavior.
2. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will be able to interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research.
3. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will be able to apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
4. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will be able to locate, evaluate, and apply psychological information.
5. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will be able to write and present effectively.
6. Students graduating with a degree in Psychology will be able understand the difference between science, scientific practice and other ways of knowing.

## Psychology; Bachelor of Science Degree, Mental Health Concentration

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Clarion University's program in applied mental health is designed for students who want to enter the mental health field, either upon graduation or after attending graduate school. We strive to develop the critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills that will help students succeed in their chosen mental health career. In the course of this concentration, students will work or intern in mental health settings, do research that has a mental health focus, or volunteer in the community. Clarion graduates have been successful in being accepted into counseling, clinical, school, and social work graduate programs. Our graduates currently work in academia, private industry, hospitals, and for social service and mental health agencies.

### Concentration Program Outcomes

In addition to the outcomes from the B. S. degree (knowing the theories, major concepts and mechanisms which explain human thought and behavior, being able to interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research, being able to apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice, being able to locate, evaluate, and apply psychological information, being able to write and present effectively, and appreciating the difference between science and other ways of knowing), graduates will :

1. Understand the bio-social foundations of mental illness.
2. Understand individual variations in the development of personality.
3. Understand how cultural factors affect personality and behavior.
4. Be able to apply psychological knowledge and practical skills to help people.
5. Adopt values that contribute to community building at both the local and global levels.
6. Be able to work effectively in groups.

## Psychology; Bachelor of Science Degree, Applied Developmental Psychology Concentration

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Clarion University's program in applied developmental psychology is designed for students who want to work with a specific age group (e.g., children, adolescents, or older adults), either immediately after attending graduate school. We strive to develop the knowledge, professionalism, and critical thinking skills that will help students successfully work with different age groups. For this concentration, students will work with a specific age group, volunteer with a certain age group, or do research that has a developmental psychology focus.

### Concentration Program Outcomes

In addition to the outcomes from the B. S. degree (knowing the theories, major concepts and mechanisms which explain human thought and behavior, being able to interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research, being able to apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice, being able to locate, evaluate, and apply psychological information, being able to write and present effectively, and appreciating the difference between science and other ways of knowing), graduates will :

1. Understand the bio-social foundations of development.
2. Understand the individual variations in development.
3. Understand the unique aspects of at least one age group.
4. Be able to apply their knowledge of developmental psychology to help people of a particular age group.