# CLP 2470 Introduction to Childhood Psychopathology

**Course Description:** This course will satisfy a requirement for the Specialized Registered Behavior Technician Associate in Science program. This course is an introduction to the various forms of abnormal behavior in infancy, childhood, and adolescence within the context of traditional and contemporary psychological theory. Diagnostic criteria, treatment methods, cultural factors, public attitudes, community resources, ethical issues and legislation applicable to childhood mental disorders are studied. The impacts of mental disorders on individuals, families and society are discussed. Prerequisite: PSY 2012. (3 hr. lecture)

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<th>Course Competency</th>
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| **Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the nature of abnormal behavior in children and adolescents by: | • Critical thinking  
• Information Literacy  
• Cultural / Global Perspective |
| 1. Identifying general classifications for behaviors that deviate from what is considered normal.  
2. Examining the categories of psychological disorders | |
| **Competency 2:** The student will explore different theories for their value in explaining and classifying psychological disorders by: | • Communication  
• Critical thinking  
• Information Literacy |
| 1. Identifying the major theories and theorists.  
2. Analyzing the relationship between theories and research methods.  
3. Applying theories used in studying abnormal behaviors to practical situations | |
| **Competency 3:** The student will assess research methods used when studying psychological disorders in minors by: | • Communication  
• Numbers / Data  
• Critical thinking  
• Information Literacy |
1. Exploring various methods of scientific inquiry  
2. Reviewing research methods and findings related to the area of child psychopathology.  
3. Applying the scientific method to practical cases involving psychological disorders and childhood/adolescence.

**Competency 4:** The student will become familiar with assessment and treatment of abnormal behavior by:

- Critical thinking  
- Information Literacy  
- Cultural / Global Perspective  
- Ethical Issues

| 1. Examining the causes of psychological disorders  
2. Identifying the symptoms of different psychological disorders.  
3. Identifying various ways symptoms can be exhibited in children and adolescents.  
4. Evaluating effective treatment approaches used for children/adolescents with psychological disorders.  
5. Analyzing the various legal issues related to treatment of abnormal behavior among children and adolescents. |