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University Park, August 16, 2006 - "The nation is facing a public crisis in the mental health care of infants, children, and adolescents," says Dr. Jean Johnson, coordinator of graduate and undergraduate psychology programs at Governors State University. "There is a growing demand for clinical professionals to help mentally and emotionally disturbed clients adjust to life."

To help meet this demand, to prepare clinical professionals to work in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and treatment centers, and to prepare students for doctoral studies, GSU is now accepting applications for its newly established Master of Arts in Psychology - Clinical Psychology sequence.

"The clinical sequence in psychology at GSU is designed to develop competent and creative professionals who have the capacity to function in a variety of clinical settings and in research and academic settings," adds Johnson. "There is a strong focus on children and adolescents in this program. As always at GSU, we seek to produce sensitivity to cultural and individual differences."

According to Johnson, GSU's program will focus on the more severely mentally ill. "Clinical psychology deals with a broad range of mental illness rather than being limited to mental health issues which are often treated by counselors, rather than clinical professionals. The program compliments our already outstanding counseling program."

Governors State is one the only public universities in Illinois with a master's sequence in Clinical Psychology.

"It is also the only one with a focus on children and adolescents," explains Johnson. "A master's from GSU is also the least expensive of all the other programs offered at both state and private institutions."

Applications for the Master of Arts in Psychology, including the Clinical Psychology sequence, are currently being accepted for the Winter 2007 Trimester.

"Our admissions requirements are very stringent and class sizes are small. This program prepares candidates to both sit for Licensed Professional Counselor Certification (LPC) and successfully matriculate into a majority of psychology and counseling doctoral programs," adds Johnson.

For more information, call (708) 534-4840. Application information is available on line at www.govst.edu/coe.