

Reduced Fees

The Clinical Center offers an income-based reduced fee. Eligibility is based on gross annual income and the number of dependents supported by that income. To determine whether you are eligible, please request to apply for reduced fees. We must receive this form prior to your first date of service in order to accommodate your fee for service. **Psychological assessment and intakes are not eligible for reduced fees.**

Billing

Fees for service are expected to be paid at the time of service. We accept credit cards, checks and cash.

Psychological Assessment

Psychological assessment is a total of \$1000, however; SIU students pay a total of \$500. Each client must make a payment of \$500/\$250 at their first testing session. The remaining \$500/\$250 must be paid when the final report is ready.

Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid

The Clinical Center **is not** approved as a billing agency by Medicare or Medicaid. Therefore, these agencies or programs **will not pay** for services received at the Clinical Center. The individual receiving service is personally responsible for all charges incurred and will be asked to sign a form acknowledging this prior to service. The Clinical Center cannot see clients with Medicare for any psychological service. This is due to the fact that we are a training facility and must abide by Medicare rules.

The Clinical Center **is not** an approved provider for insurances. You will be asked to sign a form acknowledging this prior to service.

If you have questions concerning billing, please call (618)453-2361 and ask to speak to our accountant.

Agency Sponsors

Sometimes agencies such as the Department of Rehabilitation Services or Individual School Districts agree to pay for services received at the Clinical Center. To be able to bill an agency directly, the Clinical Center must receive written authorization from the agency. Until authorization is received, the individual receiving services (or the parent or legal guardian of that individual) will be responsible for all charges incurred at the Clinical Center.

What is the Clinical Center?

The SIU Clinical Center provides a variety of services to the general public as well as to SIUC employees and students. Services are offered in the areas of speech & language, psychological assessment, and counseling. In addition to providing these services, Clinical Center personnel also coordinate aspects of clinical instruction and research.

Who Provides Services?

Most services are provided by student clinicians in training to become professionals. The student clinicians will have completed the appropriate coursework and will be working toward a masters degree or doctoral degree in their professional field. All student clinicians will be closely supervised. To adequately supervise these clinicians, faculty typically requires observation and/or recordings of sessions.

Are There Fees for Services?

The Clinical Center charges fees for services. However, because the Center participates in training and research as well as in the provision of service, the fees are generally much lower than those charged by private practitioners or clinics. Also, there is a reduced fee scale based on gross annual income and the number of dependents supported by that income.

Will I be Participating in Research?

Participation in research projects conducted by faculty and students is voluntary, and refusal to participate will not affect the services that are provided.

Are Services Confidential?

Information concerning services that have been provided is held in strictest confidence to the extent allowed by law. In general, Clinical Center staff will communicate with no one (including family, physicians, or other agencies) concerning treatment without express written consent from the person who has received service and/or that individual's parent or legal guardian. By law, however, information must be disclosed if there is intent to harm oneself or another person, if it is suspected that a child or elder person has been abused or neglected, or if a court orders such disclosure.

How do I obtain additional information about the Clinical Center?

If you have any questions about the Clinical Center's services or fee policy, please call (618) 453-2361 or you may wish to visit our website at www.clinicalcenter.siu.edu.