



Raskob Clinic Services

Educational Therapy Overview

Raskob Learning Institute (RLI), established in 1953, is one of the oldest continuously operating programs for children and adults with learning disabilities in California. The Raskob Clinic provides support in a variety of areas including reading, comprehension, written expression, and math, as well as assistance with executive functioning skills to include time management, test preparation and study skills, and organizational skills. Educational therapy by sensitive and supportive clinicians provides students with a positive educational experience that bolsters student confidence and assists students in the development of their identities as learners. Students make measurable progress in their academic skills and ability to use learning strategies.

Educational therapy sessions typically occur after school, but may take place during the school day. Each session is 50 minutes and students are typically seen twice a week for a semester. While students typically meet with clinicians in quiet, private rooms at our clinic located on Holy Names University campus, our services are flexible. Clinicians may also meet with clients at their school site. Sessions can also be delivered remotely.

Each session is \$125 with an additional \$225 fee for the final progress report. The Raskob Clinic operates throughout the school year with a more intensive daily schedule offered during the 6-week summer program.

Clinic Staff and Instructional Approach

Educational therapists earn graduate level training in learning disabilities and the underlying issues that contribute to them. Raskob Clinic educational therapists have a certificate in educational therapy and/or a Master's degree in educational therapy or a related educational field, such as special education.

Educational therapy interns are studying in the Educational Therapy Program at Holy Names University, and have almost completed their training. They work with clients at a reduced rate. The availability of educational therapy interns varies each semester.

Clinicians are matched with students based on their needs, age and the clinician's area of expertise. Because of their strong background and extensive experience in the field of learning disabilities, Raskob clinicians are able to conduct informal academic assessments, develop highly individual academic plans, and write professional progress reports at the end of each session. Raskob clinicians draw on significant resources of both the Raskob Clinic and the Raskob Day School, an elementary and middle school program for students with learning differences, to design individualized curricula to support students in employing strategies in their areas of academic need. Clinicians collaborate and consult with teachers, allied professionals, parents and caregivers to help students apply strategies in their classrooms. The many intervention programs that the educational therapists and clinicians may use include Wilson Language Systems, Slingerland, Orton-Gillingham, Lindamood-Bell and Making Math Real. Instruction is individualized, prescriptive, and multi-sensory.

Clinic Registration

The Clinic fee per session is \$125 with a \$225 report fee. To enroll

- Contact our Clinic Coordinator, Dr. Esther Cohen, at ecohen@hnu.edu, to request a registration form.
- Complete and return the registration form.
- Forward records, testing results, evaluations to the clinic
- Once the file has been created, the clinic will match your student with a clinician.
- The Clinic Coordinator and the clinician will then contact you directly.
- The signed contract, along with a deposit for services, must be returned before sessions can begin.

Diagnostic Services

The Raskob Clinic also offers comprehensive diagnostic neuropsychological evaluations conducted by Dr. Mary Cunningham in Dr. Cunningham's private office or in some cases, on the Raskob campus.

The evaluations include measures of cognitive functioning, academic skills, visuo-spatial skills, auditory skills, language, memory, learning, attention, executive functions (including speed of information processing), and affective status. While all assessments include measures within each of these areas, the specific battery is adapted to the needs of each student.

The cost is \$5200 for three sessions of testing of 2.5 hours each and one session in which the final report is reviewed, and recommendations discussed with the parents. The evaluations are very comprehensive and the recommendations are very specific and tailored to the individual child.

For further information about the Raskob Clinic, please contact Clinic Coordinator, Dr. Esther Cohen, at ecohen@hnu.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does educational therapy differ from tutoring?

- Educational therapy is a general term that refers to when an educator works one-on-one with your child, typically outside of school.
- Qualified educational therapists can teach kids skills and strategies to help them manage their learning or thinking differences and improve schoolwork. They teach “how to learn” rather than “what to learn”.
- Educational therapists are specifically trained in how to accommodate learning differences so students can acquire strong reading and math skills.

From Understood.org. Please see their website for more information.

<https://www.understood.org/articles/en/what-you-need-to-know-about-educational-therapy>

How will I know if my student is making progress and benefiting from the program?

Clear and reasonable goals will be established in collaboration with the parents/guardians and other providers at the start of the sessions. Clinicians will be in communication with parents during the semester and will share and review a final progress report at a parent conference, conducted during the last session.

Will I get help finding resources to meet my student’s needs after the assessment or the program is completed?

Yes, at the final meeting if an assessment has been done or at the final progress report meeting, resources and recommendations will be shared so that your student can continue to receive the appropriate level of support.

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