



Minor in Behavioral Healthcare

Overview

Behavioral health problems, like mental illness and substance abuse, are among the greatest public health challenges facing our communities. New, scientifically based treatment approaches are available to treat and prevent many of these behavioral health problems. Students will be exposed to these treatment approaches as well as to issues in the organization, financing, delivery, and outcomes of behavioral health services. The emphasis of the curricula is on practices that have been scientifically validated and their delivery within the context of current funding, policies and trends. This area of academic concentration is offered as an **Undergraduate Minor** by the USF Department of Mental Law & Policy, under the college of Behavioral and Community Sciences.

Program

This Minor in Behavioral Healthcare is available to students interested in pursuing a career in the broad field of behavioral healthcare in conjunction with any undergraduate major. It should be particularly beneficial to persons majoring in such disciplines as psychology, social work, gerontology, biology, criminology, nursing, and sociology.

Students completing academic studies in Behavioral Healthcare are better prepared to begin careers in various aspects of human services. Our graduates frequently find employment in local mental health and substance abuse treatment programs. Job titles often include case managers, emergency screeners, consumer advocates, recovery specialists, and support counselors. Other students have found the program helpful to enhance their portfolio when applying for graduate school in psychology, counseling, and social work.

A Minor in Behavioral Healthcare consists of a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours comprised of the following courses:

Introductory Behavioral Healthcare Requirement (3 Hours):

- **MHS 3411** Multidisciplinary Behavioral Healthcare (3) *fall & spring*

Required Courses (9 Hours):

- **MHS 4002** Behavioral Health Systems Delivery (3) *spring* (on-line & in class)
- **MHS 4408** Exemplary Practices in Behavioral Healthcare Treatment (3) *spring*
- **MHS 4425** Field Experience in Behavioral Healthcare (3) *fall, spring, summer*

Careers

- Applied Behavior Analyst Associate
- Behavioral Health Technician
- Case manager
- Day Treatment Therapist
- Emergency Screener
- Employment or Housing Specialist
- Family Service Coordinator
- Psycho-educational Group Leader
- Support Therapist
- Research Associate
- Residential Manager

Community Affiliate

- A Women's Place
- ACTS
- Bay Area Youth Services
- Byrd Alzheimer's Institute
- Center for Girls
- DACCO
- Family Justice Center
- Federation of Families
- Hyde Park Counseling Center
- Mental Health Care, Inc.
- Metro Wellness
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Northside Behavioral Health
- PEMHS
- Project Return
- Success for Kids
- Suncoast Kid's Place
- Tampa Bay Crisis Center

Electives (3 Hours):

- **MHS 4452** Co-Occurring Disorders (3) *spring*
- **MHS 4703** Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues in Behavioral Healthcare (3) *spring, summer*
- **MHS 4463** Suicide Issues in Behavioral Healthcare (3) *spring*
- **MHS 4022** Adult Psychopathology in the Community (3) *fall*
- **MHS 4490** Behavioral Healthcare Issues for Children (3) *fall*
- **MHS 4023** Recovery-Oriented Mental Health Services (3) *spring*
- **MHS 4434** Behavioral Health and the Family (3) *spring, summer, fall*
- **MHS 4931** Selected Topics: Gerontological Counseling (3) *summer*
- **RCS 4033** Overview of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Professions (3) *fall*
- **MHS 4931** Other Topics: TBA (3)
- **MHS 4906** Directed Studies (1-4) (Instructor Consent Required) *fall, spring, summer*
- **MHS 4731** Writing for Research and Publication in BCS (3) *fall*
- **MHS 3204** Fundamentals of Applied Behavioral Analysis (3) *summer*

Notes:

- * **MHS 3411** is the prerequisite for all of the "required" courses.
MHS 4002 and **MHS 4408** are prerequisites for **MHS 4425** Field Experience
- * **MHS 4425** meets the capstone exit requirement
- * **MHS 4731** meets the writing intensive exit requirement
- * A student completing a field placement in Psychology, Social Work, Aging, Criminology or other of the human services may be exempted (by the advisor) from the "Field Experience in Behavioral Healthcare" and may substitute an elective from the above list. Enrollment in **MHS-4425** requires prior College approval.
- * For Directed Studies- Topics and methodology for independent study will be determined by the student's needs and interests.

A GPA of 2.0, or better, in this minor is required for certification. At least nine (9) of the credit hours must be taken at the University of South Florida. A Behavioral Healthcare advisor will be available to advise students on a course of study and to coordinate a student's minor with related majors.

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