



Graduate Studies in Behavioral Health Program

About the program

The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) at the USF College of Behavioral & Community Sciences and the USF College of Public Health (COPH) jointly offer a specialty concentration in behavioral health as part of the Master and Doctoral programs in the COPH Department of Community & Family Health (DCFH).

The Graduate Studies in Behavioral Health Program examines community and family issues in policy, evaluation, systems performance, and outcomes of alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services. Students with backgrounds in psychology, education, counseling, social work, nursing, medicine, and public health, analyze current trends and research in behavioral health services.

Behavioral Health graduates will be able to:

- **Summarize the history and philosophy** of the behavioral health services field.
- **Relate fundamental principles of epidemiology** to the incidence and prevalence of substance use and mental disorders.
- **Examine behavioral health programs** for cultural and age specific populations.
- **Examine ethical issues** involved in the care of individuals with substance use and mental disorders.
- **Acquire general knowledge related to the etiology, prevention, and early intervention** of individuals with mental health and substance abuse problems.
- **Assess the social, political, and environmental context** of behavioral health in relation to public health practice and policy.
- **Critically evaluate the extant literature** related to population-based behavioral health services research.

Admission requirements

For information on admissions, please visit <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/degreereqs.html>



For More Information

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Degree Options

The Graduate Studies in Behavioral Health Program includes five graduate degree options:

MPH Master of Public Health
(Behavioral Health Concentration)

MSPH Master of Science in Public Health
(Behavioral Health Focus)

MSW/MPH Masters of Social Work/Masters of Public Health Dual-Degree Program
(Behavioral Health Concentration)

PhD Doctor of Philosophy
(Behavioral Health Focus)

DRPH Doctor of Public Health
(Behavioral Health Focus)

Course List

- Advanced Research Methods in Public & Behavioral Health
- Case Management in Community Mental Health*
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Co-Morbidity of Mental and Physical Disorders
- Community-Based Prevention in Behavioral Health*
- Cultural Competency in Children's Mental Health*
- Epidemiology of Mental Disorders
- Evaluation in Mental Health
- Evidence-Based Practice in Behavioral Health
- Financing Children's Mental Health Services*
- Foundations in Behavioral Health Systems*
- Grant Writing in Behavioral Health
- Homelessness: Implications for Behavioral Health
- Legal Issues in Behavioral Health
- Mental Health Informatics*
- Qualitative & Quantitative Measurement in Behavioral Health
- Survey of Mental Health Planning, Evaluation, & Accountability**
- Women's Mental Health

* Distance Learning course

** Distance Learning every other year