

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Now enrolling for
January 2011!

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT FULLY ONLINE

The University of South Florida's College of Behavioral and Community Sciences offers a fully online Graduate Certificate in Positive Behavior Support.

This certificate program offers an evidence based approach to resolving challenging and supporting prosocial, behavior in children and youth within schools and early education settings.

The core certificate courses include 1) Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support (PBS), 2) Consultation and Collaboration, and either 3) Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children or 4) School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (9 hours of required courses).



Students choose an additional two out of six elective courses (6 hours of electives) which might include the fourth core course, behavioral health or children's mental

health courses, or an independent study course.

The certificate will benefit students by equipping them with necessary skills to provide systemic applications of PBS. The applications vary from understanding consultation at the individual level in the home and community, with young children in preschool settings, and/or school-age children

within classrooms and schools. The mental and behavioral health electives round out the certificate.

Course Requirements (15 Credit Hours)

This fully online graduate certificate consists of three core courses, and two elective courses for a total of 15 credit hours. Students also may choose to take a fourth core class as an elective. Students pursuing a graduate certificate will be required to meet the same academic requirements as those defined for degree-seeking students to remain in good standing.

Required courses (9 credit hours)

- MHS 6900 - Intensive Indvid. Positive Behavior Suppt (3)
- MHS 6900 - Consultation & Collaboration (3)
- MHS 6900 - School-Wide Positive Behavior (3) OR
- MHS 6900 - Addressing Behavior Challenges in Young Children (3)

Elective courses (6 credit hours)

Choose two from the following:

- MHS 6640 - Mental Health Informatics (3)
- PHC 6240 - Cultural Competency in Child. Ment. Health (3)
- MHS 6540 - Family-Centered Interdisc. Practices (3)
- PHC 6543 - Founds. in Behavioral Health Sysys (3)
- MHS 6901 - Independ. Studies in Mental Health (1-4)

Admission/Application Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 or better.. Please visit: www.gradcerts.usf.edu/admissions.asp to download an application. In addition to the application forms please submit:

- Official transcripts
- A resume
- A 250-word letter of interest stating your objectives in pursuing this course of study

Standardized Test Requirements

Standardized tests are not required.

Tuition & Fees

Please view the information sheet for this certificate at the Graduate Certificate Web site for current information: www.gradcerts.usf.edu.

Registration Process

First, consult with the certificate program advisor and obtain an electronic course permit if necessary. Then, go to: <http://usfonline.admin.usf.edu>, the link to OASIS, USF's online registration system. Follow the directions given online.

Time Limit

Courses must be completed within two years.

Financial Aid

Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid. However, private student loans may be available. To inquire, please go to: <http://www.gradcerts.usf.edu/certinfo.asp?ccode=XSX>

Application Process

For information on this or other Graduate Certificates or to receive application materials, please visit www.gradcerts.usf.edu/admissions.asp or contact:

Office of Graduate Certificates
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Ave., SVC1072
Tampa, FL 33620-9951

Phone: (813) 974-2442
Fax: (813) 974-7061

E-mail: gradcerts@admin.usf.edu
Web site: www.gradcerts.usf.edu

For more information about the College of Behavior and Community Services certificates and degrees, follow the links on the Web at: www.bcs.usf.edu.

For more details about master's or PhD programs or to view the graduate catalog visit: www.grad.usf.edu or call (813) 974-2846.

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All students who wish to pursue approved graduate certificates must be admitted to a corresponding area of study before a second graduate certificate course is completed.

These graduate certificate courses may be applied to a Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Public Health with a Focus in Behavioral Health and a Dual Master of Social Work/Masters of Public Health degree contingent upon departmental approval.

2011 Course Offerings

Spring

- Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support
(Dr. Bobbie Vaughn)

Summer

- School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (Dr. Don Kincaid)
- Addressing Behavior Challenges in Young Children
(Dr. Lise Fox and Dr. Kwang Sun Blair)

Fall

- Consultation and Collaboration (Dr. Heather George)



STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels, including the Doctor of Medicine.

Events, activities, programs and facilities of the University of South Florida are available to all without regard to race, color, marital status, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, Vietnam or disabled veteran status as provided by law and in accordance with the University's respect for personal dignity.