

LOUIS DE LA PARTE FLORIDA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2005/2006 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

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The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute's mission is to improve the lives of people with mental, addictive and developmental disorders through research, training, and education.

The Institute's programs are conducted by three departments: Aging and Mental Health, Child and Family Studies, and Mental Health Law and Policy. The Institute conducts a broad range of applied research, training, and dissemination activities related to the planning, development, delivery, and evaluation of behavioral health services. The Institute's training and consultation activities are provided for a variety of audiences including students, behavioral health and health care professionals, the Florida legislature, administrators, policy makers, planners, consumers, and the public.

The Institute offers an undergraduate minor in behavioral healthcare (see listing below) and offers undergraduate and graduate students research assistantships. In addition to the credits earned in the minor, students may earn academic credit for independent research performed at the Institute in conjunction with USF courses. Institute faculty teaches credit courses in degree-granting programs in cooperation with other USF colleges and offers graduate certificate courses in planning, evaluation and accountability. A graduate focus in behavioral health is offered in conjunction with the College of Public Health.

Minor in Behavioral Healthcare

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 Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, a college of the university.

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

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 USF. 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.

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

Required Courses:

MHS 3411	Multidisciplinary Behavioral Healthcare Services	3
MHS 4002	Behavioral Health Systems Delivery	3
MHS 4408	Exemplary Practices in Behavioral Healthcare Treatment	3
MHS 4425	Field Experience in Behavioral Healthcare*	3

Electives (minimum of 3 credit hours required):

MHS 4931	Selected Topics in Behavioral Healthcare**	1-4
MHS 4906	Directed Study	1-4

*A student completing a field placement in Psychology, Social Work, 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.

**Topics covered include among others: Case Management in Community Mental Health (3), Behavioral Health Issues in Children (3), Behavioral Health Issues in Elders (3).

A concentration in Behavioral Healthcare for the Bachelor's of Science in Applied Science degree program requires eighteen (18) credits from the courses listed above. Please see the BSAS listings for particulars.