

LOUIS DE LA PARTE FLORIDA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 2008/2009 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, consumers, and the public.

The Institute offers an undergraduate minor in behavioral healthcare (see listing below) and provides research experiences for undergraduates. In addition to the credits earned in the minor, students may earn academic credit for research conducted with faculty mentors at the Institute.

Minor in Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral health problems, such as mental illness and substance abuse, are among the greatest public health challenges facing our communities. New, scientifically based approaches are available to treat and prevent many behavioral health problems. Students will be exposed to 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 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 disciplines such as psychology, social work, sociology, anthropology, gerontology, pre-med, criminology, and nursing.

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 is available to guide students on course selection and to coordinate the minor with related majors.

The 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: Psychology and the Law (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 BS in Applied Science listings for additional information.

A cognate in Behavioral Healthcare for the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences major requires twelve (12) credits from the courses listed above. MHC 4425 is not required to complete the cognate.