About the Program
The Master of Science (MS) Degree in Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health (MSCABH) prepares professionals to serve in public and non-profit agencies and schools that work with diverse children and adolescents experiencing behavioral health challenges and their families. Surveys and interviews with potential employers have shown there is high demand for master’s degree level graduates to fill positions such as directors, supervisors, and case managers in mental health, substance abuse, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities, and child welfare agencies, as well as consultants in schools and early education and care programs. Educational opportunities include advancement to doctoral programs in public health and the behavioral and social sciences.

The MSCABH is a unique and distinctive curriculum that:
- Focuses on children and adolescents with behavioral health challenges who interact with multiple service sectors and cross geographic and political boundaries.
- Supports the development of a highly skilled, culturally competent workforce and professionals with high levels of education and training who are especially needed for administration of behavioral healthcare and related community services.
- Provides interdisciplinary training and transformational learning opportunities that are intellectually and scientifically sound through a multidisciplinary faculty that is involved in cutting-edge research related to best practices and behavioral health policies.

This interdisciplinary program includes core courses and electives addressing emerging national priorities, including:
- Increasing diversity and leadership capacity in the behavioral health workforce.
- Cross-training in prevention.
- Increasing knowledge about developmental disabilities in combination with behavioral health.
- Closing the research-to-practice gap through translational research education.

Graduation Requirements (39 credit hours):
- 39 credits overall, including 33 hours of coursework: Four core courses (12 credit hours) and 7 required and elective courses (21 credit hours) in one of the four concentrations.
- Pass a comprehensive exam after completing all required courses.
- Complete 6 credit hours for the thesis or applied track.
- Successfully defend thesis or present an applied project.
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Program Core Courses (12 credit hours)
MHS 6069  Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health
MHS 6027  Creating Cultural Competence in Behavioral Health Organizations
Previously PHC 6240/MHS 6900 Cultural Competence in Children's Mental Health
MHS 6706  Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Policy
PHC 6708  Evaluation and Research Methods in Community Health

Concentration Courses (21 credit hours)

Developmental Disabilities Concentration

Required Courses (12 credit hours)
MHS 6410  Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support
MHS 6065  Issues and Trends in Developmental Disabilities
MHS 6066  Systems, Services and Supports for Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities
MHS 6067  Evidence-based Practices for Children & Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities

Elective Course (9 credit hours)
MHS 6095  Family-Centered Interdisciplinary Practice: SOC
MHS 6942  Practicum in Evidence-Based Practices and Service Delivery for Children & Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities
MHS 6945  Leadership Practicum in Agencies Serving Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities
MHS 6605  Addressing Challenging Behavior in Children
MHS 6217  Single Case Experimental Design
MHS 7748  Statistical Applications
MHS 6508  Wraparound
MHS 7740  Survey Course in Mental Health Planning
PHC 6193  Qualitative Methods in Community Health Research

Leadership in Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Concentration

Required Courses (12 credit hours)
MHS 6626  Applied Leadership in Children's Behavioral Health
MHS 6097  Financing of Children's Mental Health Services
MHS 6096  Program Development and Implementation in Children's Mental Health
MHS 7740  Survey Course in Planning, Evaluation, and Accountability

Elective Courses (9 credit hours)
MHS 6095  Family-Centered Interdisciplinary Practice: Systems of Care
RCS 5450  Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Counseling
PHC 6542  Epidemiology of Mental Disorders
MHS 6096  Program Development & Implementation in Children’s Mental Health

Research and Evaluation Concentration

Required Courses (12 credit hours)
PHC 6728  Translational Research Methods in Adolescent Behavioral Health
PHC 6729  Advanced Research Education in Adolescent Behavioral Health
PHC 7748  Statistical Applications in Translational Research and Evaluation

Elective Courses (9 credit hours)
MHS 7749  Applications in Dissemination and Implementation Science
MHS 6096  Program Development and Implementation in Children's Mental Health
PHC 6193  Qualitative Methods in Community Health Research
MHS 6645  Mental Health Informatics
PHC 6543  Foundations in Behavioral Health Systems
MHS 7740  Survey Course in Mental Health Planning, Evaluation, and Accountability
EDF 7408  Statistical Analysis for Educational Research II
MHS 7747  Measurement Issues in Behavioral Health Services Research and Evaluation
PHC 6051  Biostatistics II

Youth & Behavioral Health Concentration

Required Courses (12 credit hours)
MHS 6095  Family-Centered Interdisciplinary Practice: Systems of Care
RCS 5450  Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Treatment
PHC 6542  Epidemiology of Mental Disorders
MHS 6096  Program Development & Implementation in Children’s Mental Health

Elective Courses (9 credit hours)
MHS 6098  Leadership within Systems of Care
MHS 6068  Community-Based Behavioral Health Interventions for Culturally Diverse Youth
MHS 6508  Wraparound Interventions and Systems of Care
PHC 6544  Children's Mental Health Services
MHS 6437  Family Perspectives on Behavioral Health Disparities
MHS 6073  Child and Adolescent Psychopathology & Resilience
MHS 6097  Financing of Children's Mental Health Services
MHS 7740  Survey Course in Planning, Evaluation, & Accountability
PHC 6035  Co-Morbidity of Mental & Physical Disorders
RCS 5450  Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Treatment
PHC 6729  Advanced Research Education in Adolescent Behavioral Health

Required Thesis or Applied Field Experience (6 credit hours)
MHS 6972  Thesis in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health
 – or –
MHS 6941  Applied Field Experience