

## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

# Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health



### What Students are Saying:

The fully online Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health (CABH) Program at USF prepares professionals to serve in public and nonprofit agencies and schools that work to positively impact the lives of children, adolescents, and emerging adults. Read below what one of our first students in the Developmental Disabilities Concentration, Anileidy Perry, has to say about the program.

### An interview with Anileidy Perry, student in the Developmental Disabilities Concentration

#### Why did you choose the MSCABH program at USF?

I love helping others in need. One way or another, I have always been focused on children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. I feel the need to work with these kids in order to help them develop new skills as well as to improve their abilities and attitudes and the way that they can participate in society.

#### Tell us about your undergraduate degree.

I obtained my undergraduate degree in Psychology at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida.

#### When did you decide that you wanted to work in the field of children's mental health?

Ever since I was a little girl, my main motivation has always been helping others in need. I have always tried one way or the other to assist people and become someone who can make a difference in their lives.

#### Have you had any experiences working in the field of child and adolescent behavioral/mental health?

While obtaining my Bachelor's in Psychology at FIU, I was offered the opportunity to do an internship in Applied Behavior Analysis. While completing 300 hours of supervised experience, I realized that I had chosen the right career and profession. It was very rewarding to see the daily improvements of the children, and being able to be part of that improvement was the best feeling.

#### What do you hope to achieve with this degree? Do you have a dream job in mind?

With this degree, I just hope to find a job where I can excel in my abilities and desire to help children and adolescents with disabilities.

#### How did you find out about the USF MSCABH program?

When I finished my Bachelor's degree at FIU, I searched to find the best program that would fit my needs and interests. A friend of mine from FIU sent me a message she had received from FIU promoting this program. As soon as I read about it, I felt that this was the program for me. Today, I am glad to say that I wasn't mistaken because it is truly the best program that I could have chosen. It is giving me the necessary tools and knowledge that I need to be successful.

*My experiences so far going through this program have been amazing. I truly love the professors, the classes, and everything about the program. This program is designed for students to learn while at the same time practicing their skills in different projects and exercises.*

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