

## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

# Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

### Employment Opportunities Profile

The fully online Master of Science Degree in Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health (MSCABH) program at the University of South Florida is a non-clinical program that 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. Read what Dr. Nicole Hanney, Clinical Director of Engage Behavioral Health, has to say about the program, as well as the job outlook for the future.

## What Employers are Saying...



### How do you feel our graduates would fit with an organization like Engage Behavioral Health?

Our population is an exact fit for the students in the MSCABH program. We serve a variety of children and adolescents, all with unique characteristics and facing a variety of challenges across home and school environments.

### What do you recommend our students do to ensure they are prepared to work in this field?

Behavioral health is such a growing area of service delivery that it's important to determine the population and type of setting that you enjoy working with the most. Having a wide range of experiences during a graduate level program will allow students to pinpoint what area of behavioral health they find most exciting.

### What personal qualities are you looking for when hiring?

Part of our mission is to be passionate professionals who actively strive to create lasting change. To fulfill that mission, we look for potential employees who are passionate about delivering quality services to our clients and their families and working directly with our population. We look for individuals who are flexible, dedicated, and enthusiastic.

### What has your experience been so far working with the MSCABH program and our students?

We recently mentored our first MSCABH student who was a tremendous asset to our organization. She embodies our mission at Engage Behavioral Health and has set the standard for future students. We hope to continue to employ students like her with the same qualities and career goals.



*"The clients and families we serve leave a lasting impact on my life and continue to motivate me to recruit other passionate individuals to our field. As the Clinical Director at Engage Behavioral Health, I look forward to partnering with the MSCABH program to support our mission as an organization and our current and future families."*

— Nicole Hanney, PhD, BCBA-D,  
Clinical Director, Engage Behavioral Health

## What our Students are Saying...

*"I am proudly graduating in August 2016 with my MS Degree in Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health, and I wanted to make it known how appreciative I am. I could not be happier with my choice to take on this new degree program. Throughout the past two years, I have learned more than I could've hoped for in regards to behavioral health. I would recommend this program to anyone with a passion to work in the behavioral health field, considering the diversity of courses and the flexibility of course schedules. This program has helped me secure a full-time job in the field that I love! I could not have done it without the help of Dr. MacKinnon-Lewis and Dr. Levin, as they are both incredible mentors whom I will always look up to."*

— Christine Gitch, MSCABH Graduate,  
Engage Behavioral Health Practicum Student and new employee



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