

University of South Florida, College of Public Health  
Department of Community & Family Health

**MPH: Behavioral Health**

This MPH degree is offered jointly with the USF Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute with a focus upon behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) services. This concentration examines community and family issues in evaluation of systems performance and outcomes of public mental health and substance abuse services as well as children's mental health, aging and mental health, HIV and mental health services, and the planning, evaluation and accountability of mental health and substance abuse services. Graduates are prepared to work in mental health, alcohol and drug abuse organizations.

Competencies: In addition to the overall **Master of Public Health** degree competencies, graduates with a concentration in *Behavioral Health* will:

1. Describe the history and philosophy of behavioral health services field.
2. Identify the fundamental principles of the epidemiology of mental and substance use disorders.
3. Specify unique issues in behavioral health programs and disorders for culture, age, and other specific at-risk pop.
4. Describe ethical and legal issues in the diagnosis of individuals with mental and substance use disorders and in the design and delivery of services for individuals with mental and substance use disorders.
5. Discuss the concepts of etiology, disease identification, and prevention of individuals with mental health and substance use problems.
6. Identify and understand study design and treatment interventions for individuals with mental health and substance use problems.
7. Describe the social, political, and environmental context of behavioral health.
8. Specify strategies for assessing the design and effectiveness for planning and evaluating behavioral health programs.
9. Demonstrate an in depth understanding of behavioral health advocacy, policy, information systems, & systems change.
10. Critically evaluate applied services research and specify a broad range of behavioral health literature to analyze behavioral health issues and problems.

Association between courses and the competencies for  
MPH with a Behavioral Health Concentration

Courses	Competencies									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Required concentration courses (18 credits)		√			√					√
PHC 6542 Epidemiology of Mental Disorders	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√
PHC 6543 Foundations in Behavioral Health Systems	√	√	√	√			√		√	√
MHS 7740 Survey of Mental Health Planning, Evaluation, & Accountability	√						√	√	√	√
PHC 6708 Evaluation and Research Methods in Comm. Hlth	√						√	√	√	√
PHC 6035 Co-morbidity of Mental and Physical Disorders		√	√		√	√	√		√	√
PHC 6724 Synthesizing Public Health Research						√		√		√
Suggested Support courses (select 2; 6 credits)										
PHC 7935 Advanced Research methods in Public & Behavioral Health				√		√	√	√		
PHC 6934 Legal Issues in Behavioral Health	√			√		√	√		√	√
HSC 6552 Community-Based Prevention in Behavioral Health	√	√	√		√		√		√	√
PHC 6240 Cultural Competency in Children's Mental Health	√		√	√		√	√	√	√	√
PHC 7935 Measurement Issues in Behavioral Health Services Research and Evaluation	√		√					√	√	√
PHC 6547 Case Management in Community Mental Health	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PHC 6934 Financing of Children's Mental Health Services				√			√		√	√
PHC 6934 Women's Mental Health	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PHC 6934 Mental Health Informatics	√		√	√					√	
PHC 6401 Homelessness: Implications for Behavioral Health			√	√	√	√		√	√	√
PHC6544 Children's Mental Health Services		√	√		√	√		√		√
PHC6934 Advanced Clinical Practice in Integrative Healthcare			√		√					√
<i>PHC 6539 Foundations in Adolescent Behavioral Health</i>		√	√		√			√		√
<i>PHC 6728 Translational Research Methods in Adolescent Behavioral Health</i>		√	√	√		√		√		√
<i>PHC 6729 Advanced Research Education in Adolescent Behavioral Health</i>			√	√		√	√	√		√
<i>MHS 7748 Statistical Applications in Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health</i>			√			√		√		√