

Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Planning, Evaluation & Accountability

Florida Mental Health Institute

College of Behavioral & Community Sciences

About the program

This 12-credit graduate certificate program is aimed at preparing individuals to evaluate mental health and substance abuse service programs, determine whether they can be improved and how, and if they are efficient and cost effective. Designed for professionals in mental health, human services, public health, education, addiction services, and related behavioral health fields, it provides in-depth training in a broad range of techniques and strategies for improving outcomes, and for applying findings to policy development for mental health and substance abuse services.

With planning, it is possible for this graduate certificate program to be completed entirely online.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in a field related to health and/or human services with a minimum 3.0 GPA, or be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at a regionally accredited institution in a related field.

Courses in this graduate certificate program may also earn credit in other graduate programs.

Additional graduate degree options are available.

For More Information

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This Graduate Certificate program is affiliated with activities of the Department of Child & Family Studies at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, University of South Florida.



The Need for Mental Health Professionals is Growing

There is a current shortage of individuals capable of evaluating the organization, financing, delivery, and outcomes of mental health and substance abuse services that are located in a variety of settings. The U.S. Department of Labor has estimated that employment of mental health and substance abuse service professionals is expected to increase by 36%.

Course Requirements

Required Course (3 credits):

- Survey of Planning, Evaluation & Accountability**

Elective courses (9 credits):

- Advanced Research Methods in Public & Behavioral Health
- Case Management in Community Mental Health*
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Co-Morbidity of Mental and Physical Disorders
- Community-Based Prevention in Behavioral Health*
- Cultural Competency in Children's Mental Health*
- Epidemiology of Mental Disorders
- Evaluation in Mental Health
- Evidence-Based Practice in Behavioral Health
- Financing Children's Mental Health Services*
- Foundations in Behavioral Health Systems*
- Grant Writing in Behavioral Health
- Homelessness: Implications for Behavioral Health
- Legal Issues in Behavioral Health
- Mental Health Informatics*
- Qualitative & Quantitative Measurement in Behavioral Health
- Women's Mental Health

* Distance Learning course

** Distance Learning every other year

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