**Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health**

**Master of Science (M.S.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Priority Admission Application Deadlines:**

**Fall:** February 15

**Spring:** October 15

**Summer:** n/a

International applicant deadlines:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

**Minimum Total Hours: 39**

**Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 44.0000

**Dept. Code:** CFS

**Major/College Codes:** CAB/BC

**State Approved:** Spring 2014

**Concentrations:**

Developmental Disabilities (ABDD)

Leadership in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (ABLC)

Translational Research and Evaluation (ABTR)

Youth & Behavioral Health (ABYB)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Behavioral and

Community Sciences

**Department:** Child and Family Studies (CFS)

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu/)

**MAJOR INFORMATION**

The M.S. in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (CABH) is offered by the Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS), College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS). This major will prepare students for careers in public and non-profit mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, youth behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and early childhood programs.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

* A bachelor’s and/or graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from a foreign institution
* GRE required with a preferred Verbal score in 58th percentile and Quantitative score in 18th percentile for applicants interested in the thesis option. GRE not required if non-thesis track is selected.
* A 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of major - as an upper level undergraduate working for a baccalaureate degree
* Submission of transcripts
* Letters of reference (3)
* One page statement of goals/career objectives and proposed concentration of interest
* Complete a background check prior to Field Experience placements

**CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

**Total Minimum Hours: 39 credit hours**

Core – 12 hours

Concentration – 12 hours

Electives – 9 hours

Thesis/non-thesis – 6 hours

**Core Requirements**  **12 credit hours**

MHS 6074- Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

MHS 6027- Creating Cultural Competence in Behavioral Health Organizations 3 hours

MHS 6099 -Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Policy 3 hours

MHS 6730- Research and Evaluation in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

**Concentrations** **12 credit hours**

Students select from the following concentration options:

**Developmental Disabilities (ABDD) 12 hours**

MHS 6410 -Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support 3 hours

MHS 6066- Systems, Services and Supports for Children & Adolescents with DD 3 hours

MHS 6065 - Issues and Trends in Developmental Disabilities 3 hours

MHS 6067- Evidence Based Practices for Children & Adolescents with DD 3 hours

**Leadership in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (ABLC) 12 hours**

MHS 6100- Applied Leadership in Children’s Behavioral Health 3 hours

MHS 6097- Financing in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

MHS 6096- Program Development and Implementation in Children's Mental Health 3 hours

MHS 7740- Survey Course in Planning, Evaluation, and Accountability 3 hours

**Translational Research and Evaluation (ABTR) 12 hours**

PHC 6728- Translational Research Methods in Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

PHC 6729- Advanced Research Education in Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

MHS 7746- Statistical Applications in Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

PHC 6539- Foundations in Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

**Youth & Behavioral Health (ABYB) 12 hours**

MHS 6095- Family-Centered Interdisciplinary Care 3 hours

RCS 5450- Fundamentals of Substance Abuse 3 hours

MHS 6532- Epidemiology of Mental Disorders 3 hours

MHS 6096- Program Development & Implementation in CABH 3 hours

**Electives 9 credit hours**

Elective courses vary by concentration

**Comprehensive Examination**

Students will sit for the comprehensive exam in the semester in which they complete all core courses and required concentration course.

**Thesis/Non Thesis 6 credit hours minimum**

MHS 6972 6 Thesis in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

or

MHS 6941 6 Applied Field Experience Seminar

**COURSES -** See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>