**Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health program**

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

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

**Fall:** February 15

**Spring:** October 15

**Summer:** n/a

**Minimum Total Hours: 39**

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 44.0000

**Dept. Code:** CFS

**Program (Major/College):** 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/)

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The MS 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 program will prepare students for careers in public and non-profit mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, youth behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and early childhood programs.

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

* 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.
* A 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of major
* 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

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Total Minimum Hours: 39 credit hours**

**Program Core**  **12 credit hours**

MHS 6074- Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health 3 hours

PHC 6240- Cultural Competency in Children’s Mental Health 3 hours

MHS 6099 -Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Policy 3 hours

PHC 6708- Evaluation and Research Methods in Community Health 3 hours

**Concentrations** **12-15 credit hours**

Students select from the following concentration options:

**Developmental Disabilities (ABDD) 15 hours**

MHS 6095- Family-Centered Interdisciplinary Care 3 hours

MHS 6410 -Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support 3 hours

MHS 6066- Systems, Services and Supports for Children and Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities 3 hours MHS 6065 - Issues and Trends in Developmental Disabilities 3 hours

MHS 6796- Single Subject Design -OR- MHS 6942- Practicum in Evidence Based Practice 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

PHC 6542- Epidemiology of Mental Disorders 3 hours

MHS 6096- Program Development & Implementation in CABH 3 hours

**Electives 6-9 credit hours**

Elective courses vary by concentration (Six hours are required for Developmental Disabilities; nine are required for the other Concentrations)

**Comprehensive Examination**

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

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

Students either complete a thesis or applied track. Students must successfully defend the thesis or present their applied project.

MHS 6972 Thesis in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

or

MHS 6941 Applied Field Experience

**COURSES**

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