

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Associate of Applied Science

Social & Behavioral Science Pathway
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Behavioral Health

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Behavioral Health is a program designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on individuals and communities facing behavioral health challenges. This program blends academic coursework with applied training to prepare graduates for entry-level positions in the field of behavioral health and provides a solid foundation for further education in related fields.

Behavioral Health- Mental Health and Social Work Emphasis

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 1021	English Composition I: GT-CO1	3
SOC 1001	Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3	3
PTE 1010	Intro to Behavioral Health Care and Wellness	3
MAT 1260	Intro to Statistics: GT-MA1	3
Choose One Psychology Course		3
PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	
PSY 1002	General Psychology II: GT-SS3	
Subtotal		15
Second Semester		
PSY 2440	Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3	3
SWK 1000	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC 2018	Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3	3
HPR 1038	Introduction to Medical Terminology	1
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
HPR 1000	Introduction to Health	3
Subtotal		16
Third Semester		
PSY 2552	Psychopathology: GT-SS3	3
SWK 1100	Social Welfare and Community Agencies with Service Learning	3
PTE 1017	Theoretical Concepts of Psychiatric Care II	2
BEH 1030	Behavioral Health Case Management and Clinical Documentation	1
BEH 2001	Mental Health Crisis & Intervention: Advoc, Interv, & Resil	3
BEH 2030	Applied Therapeutic Communication Skills	3
Choose One Psychology Course		3
PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	
PSY 1002	General Psychology II: GT-SS3	
Subtotal		18
Fourth Semester		
PTE 1020	Application of Behavioral Health Care & Wellness	5
COM 2063	Conflict Resolution	1
HPR 1008	Law & Ethics for Health Prof	2
SOC 2031	Sociology of Deviant Behavior: GT-SS3	3
BEH 1020	Cultural Comp in Beh Health	1.5
BEH 1040	Child, Adult, and Family Advocacy	1.5
Choose One Course		4
BEH 1060	Registered Behavioral Technician Training	
BEH 1050	Peer Support Specialist Training	
Subtotal		18
Total Credits		67

Behavioral Health- Addiction Recovery Emphasis

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 1021	English Composition I: GT-CO1	3

SOC 1001	Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3	3
PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	3
MAT 1260	Intro to Statistics: GT-MA1	3
PTE 1010	Intro to Behavioral Health Care and Wellness	3
Subtotal		15
Second Semester		
COM 2063	Conflict Resolution	1
CSL 2065	Culturally Informed Treatment	1
CSL 2068	Addictions Counseling Skills	1.5
CSL 2069	Principles of Addiction	1.5
SOC 2018	Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3	3
HPR 1008	Law & Ethics for Health Prof	2
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
HPR 1000	Introduction to Health	3
Subtotal		16
Third Semester		
PSY 2552	Psychopathology: GT-SS3	3
SWK 1100	Social Welfare and Community Agencies with Service Learning	3
HPR 1038	Introduction to Medical Terminology	1
PTE 1017	Theoretical Concepts of Psychiatric Care II	2
BEH 2001	Mental Health Crisis & Intervention: Advoc, Interv, & Resil	3
BEH 2030	Applied Therapeutic Communication Skills	3
CSL 2046	Ethical Practice in Addiction Treatment	1
CSL 2051	Pharmacology I for Addiction Counselors	1
CSL 2061	Case Conceptualization and Documentation	1
Subtotal		18
Fourth Semester		
PTE 1020	Application of Behavioral Health Care & Wellness	5
PSY 2440	Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3	3
CSL 2050	Motivational Interviewing I	1.5
CSL 2054	Trauma Informed Care	1
CSL 2055	Infectious Diseases for Addiction Counselors	1
CSL 2052	Advanced Pharmacology	1
CSL 2053	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	1
CSL 2058	Group Counseling Skills	1.5
CSL 2059	Advanced Professional and Ethical Practice	1
CSL 2048	Advanced Case Conceptualization	1
CSL 2056	Co-occurring Disorders	1
Subtotal		18
Total Credits		67

Legal Disclosure:

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Certificates

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Addiction Recovery Assistant Certificate

The Addiction Recovery Assistant certificate is designed to provide students with skills to support individuals in their treatment of substance abuse or dependence, as well as coursework focused on socio-emotional skills and knowledge. This curriculum includes the required course credits for the Certified Addiction Technician Certification.

[Program Learning Outcomes](#)

Upon completion of the program, students should be equipped with skills and competencies that include:

- Demonstrated client-centered skills to help individuals with substance abuse or dependence
- Entry-level counseling skills
- Ability to distinguish mental health disorders in behavioral health settings
- Demonstrated legal and ethical decision-making skills in addiction counseling
- CPR and Assessment of Basic Vital Signs
- Demonstrated understanding of behavioral health and healthcare systems
- Ability to apply cultural competence in the treatment setting

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
CSL 2046	Ethical Practice in Addiction Treatment	1
CSL 2068	Addictions Counseling Skills	1.5
CSL 2065	Culturally Informed Treatment	1
CSL 2050	Motivational Interviewing I	1.5
CSL 2069	Principles of Addiction	1.5
CSL 2061	Case Conceptualization and Documentation	1
CSL 2051	Pharmacology I for Addiction Counselors	1
CSL 2054	Trauma Informed Care	1
CSL 2058	Group Counseling Skills	1.5
Subtotal		11
Second Semester		
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
HPR 1000	Introduction to Health	3
PSY 1001	General Psychology I: GT-SS3	3
Subtotal		9
Total Credits		20

Behavioral Health Assistant I Certificate

The Qualified Behavioral Health Assistant I (QBHA) certificate is designed to help prepare students in the development of foundational behavioral health knowledge, including entry-level skills in therapeutic communication, case management and documentation, as well as crisis intervention. Upon successful completion of the certificate, individuals will obtain the micro-credential as outlined by the Behavioral Health Administration. **Note: This certificate is not eligible for Federal Financial Aid. Scholarships for QBHA may be available.**

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Qualified BHA program, students are eligible to work on a Medicaid reimbursable team. Students should be able to:

- Apply evidenced-based crisis intervention techniques in behavioral health settings
- Understand behavioral health and healthcare systems
- Apply trauma-informed care and cultural competency skills
- Construct objective documentation records that adhere to ethical and legal standards

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
PTE 1010	Intro to Behavioral Health Care and Wellness	3
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
BEH 1030	Behavioral Health Case Management and Clinical Documentation	1
BEH 2030	Applied Therapeutic Communication Skills	3
Subtotal		10
Total Credits		10

Behavioral Health Assistant II Certificate

The BHA II certificate builds upon the QBHA I certificate through service-learning experience, as well as a deeper analysis of diverse cultural backgrounds and perspectives that impact care in behavioral health settings. This certificate ensures students have the skills within behavioral health crisis intervention and case management through documentation of services provided.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the BHA II program, students should be able to:

- Apply culturally competent crisis intervention techniques
- Case management and documentation skills within the behavioral health setting
- Trauma-informed care and cultural competency skills

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
PTE 1010	Intro to Behavioral Health Care and Wellness	3
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
BEH 1030	Behavioral Health Case Management and Clinical Documentation	1
BEH 2030	Applied Therapeutic Communication Skills	3
SOC 2018	Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3	3
SWK 1100	Social Welfare and Community Agencies with Service Learning	3
Subtotal		16
Total Credits		16

Behavioral Health Plus Supplement Certificate

The BH Plus certificate prepares students with foundational behavioral health knowledge, entry-level crisis management and de-escalation skills, applicable to a variety of settings, such as nursing or medical assisting. is a credential that serves as an addition to many role/degrees already completed (E.g., Certified Nurse Aide, Medical Assistant, Criminal Justice, etc.). This program is designed to ensure students develop foundational behavioral health knowledge, in addition to entry level crisis management and de-escalation skills. **NOTE: This certificate is not eligible for financial aid. Scholarships may be available.**

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this certificate, students should be able to:

- Identify warning signs of mental health distress
- Distinguish mental health disorders in behavioral health settings
- Crisis Management and De-Escalation skills
- Communication, Motivational Interviewing, and Rapport Building skills

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
PTE 1010	Intro to Behavioral Health Care and Wellness	3
BEH 1001	Mental Health Crisis and Intervention: Preparedness and Emp	3
Subtotal		6
Total Credits		6

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