

HUMAN SERVICES: BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

Program code: BHCS-CC-HS

Location: Housatonic

Program Description

Health encompasses more than just physical health. Behavioral healthcare refers to the treatment of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders; and is an important component of an effective healthcare delivery system. This program will prepare individuals for employment in entry-level professional positions in public and private agencies serving mentally ill and substance abusing patients. Instruction is also provided to allow for the continuation of studies at two- and four-year programs in the areas of substance abuse and mental health.

Learning Outcomes

Students will understand and/or acquire knowledge in:

1. Skills, strategies and techniques necessary for entry-level professional positions in substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities.
2. Professional competencies in report writing, assessment, case management, treatment planning and other professional functions within the Behavioral Health Care field.
3. Models of research and theory for diagnosing and treating individuals with mental health and addiction issues.
4. Professional competencies in working with clients individually and in groups within diverse populations.
5. Direct client engagement and supervision in a clinical setting within the Behavioral Health Care field.
6. Preparation for continued studies at 2- and 4-year educational institutions in the area of addiction and mental health.

This certificate includes 120 hours of supervised field placement work in HSE 287. Students may be required to complete a background check, proof of health (e.g., vaccinations), and drug screening for field work.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENG 1010	Composition	3
HSER 1001	Introduction to Human Services	3
PSY 1011	General Psychology I	3
HSER 1040	Introduction to Behavioral Healthcare	3
HSER 2247	Change Theory and Strategies in Behavioral Health Care	3
HSER 2002	Introduction to Counseling and Interviewing	3
HSER 2420	Group and Interpersonal Relations	3
PSY 1040	The Psychology of Addiction	3
PSY 2045	Abnormal Psychology	3

HSER 2690	Behavioral Healthcare Fieldwork	3
Total Credits		30

- Human Services, AS
- Human Services: Gerontology Certificate
- Human Services: Management Certificate
- Human Services: Mental Health Certificate

Related CSCU Transfer Ticket Program

- Human Services: Social Work Studies - CSCU Transfer Degree, AA