

Mental Behavioral Healthcare Careers

Your Path to Success:

Lived Experience & Certifications

Lived experience means having personal experience with mental health, substance use, recovery, caregiving, or other life challenges that can help you connect with and support others. Certification pathways can help turn those experiences into careers focused on advocacy, outreach, recovery, and community support.

Potential Jobs:

- Peer Support Specialist Certificate
- Mental Health Worker Certificate
- Community Health Worker Certificate

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- Peer Support Specialist
- Community Health Worker
- Psychiatric Technician

Bachelor's Degree (4 Years)

A bachelor's degree can open the door to a variety of mental and behavioral health careers and prepare you for graduate education or licensure pathways. Gain specialized knowledge and practical experience through coursework, internships, and community-based learning.

Degrees:

- BA Psychology
- BA Social Work
- BA Sociology

Potential Jobs:

- Certified Wellness Coach II
- Behavioral Health Specialist
- Care Coordinator

Explore careers in mental and behavioral health here!



High School

Start exploring mental and behavioral health careers while still in high school through career pathways, dual enrollment, certifications, peer mentorship, and work-based learning opportunities. Gain valuable experience, build foundational skills, and prepare for entry-level roles or continued education after graduation.

Education:

- High School Diploma
- GED

Potential Jobs:

- Office Support Staff
- Social Services Volunteer
- Student Worker

Associate's Degree (2 Years)

An associate's degree can prepare you for entry-level careers in mental and behavioral health while building a foundation for further education. Through coursework, certifications, and hands-on learning experiences, you can develop skills in client support, case management, outreach, and community service.

Degrees:

- AA-T Psychology
- AA-T Sociology
- AS Addiction Studies

Potential Jobs:

- Outreach Specialist
- Social Service Assistant
- Certified Wellness Coach I
- Alcohol & Drug Counselor

Graduate Program (6+ Years)

Graduate education and licensure equip you for advanced roles in counseling, therapy, psychology, social work, and behavioral health leadership, offering specialized expertise through study and supervised clinical experience.

Master Degrees:

- Clinical Counseling
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Social Work

Potential Jobs:

- Mental Health Clinician or Therapist
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor