

Behavioral Health (Clinical), DBH

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Propel your career on your own time and progress as an innovative behavioral health provider or entrepreneur who thrives in the new culture of value-based care to serve the needs of the local community, patient populations and health care systems.

Program description

Degree awarded: DBH Behavioral Health (Clinical)

The DBH program with a clinical concentration is a global, interdisciplinary degree program that offers an innovative curriculum, direct patient care internship experience in an integrated primary care placement, and an applied research project for domestic and international students.

The clinical concentration is designed for individuals who have completed prior clinical training and have supervised clinical experience. Students in this concentration operate within the scope of clinical practice dictated by their existing state-issued license.

The curriculum addresses the:

- barriers to patient access
- problem of poor health outcomes
- rising health care costs

The student learning experience includes easy access to online articles, videos and websites; weekly live webinars led by faculty experienced in the field; live peer student interactions; and written assignments that parallel the writing used for clinical and business proposals.

In the culminating project, students address a primary care clinic's clinical, operational or financial challenge using the quality improvement model to solve key problems. The internship program is hands-on in a local primary care clinic with in-person consultation by a licensed faculty member in a weekly small group webinar format. Students also have a site preceptor with whom they collaborate in support of the patient-centered medical home and accountable care organization approaches to primary care.

Graduates of the clinical concentration are positioned to achieve the Quadruple Aim in health care:

- cost savings

- improved health care team experience
- improved patient experience of care
- population health management

This program of study does not provide a pathway to licensure.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Online](#)

Degree requirements

84 credit hours including the required applied project course (IBC 793)

Required Core (18 credit hours)

HCD 501 Population Health Data Management and Analysis (3)

IBC 586 Behavioral Health Professional Writing Style (3)

IBC 611 Population-Based Behavioral Health Management (3)

IBC 614 Quality and Performance Measurement, Improvement and Incentives in Health Care (3)

IBC 718 Healthcare Systems: Organization, Delivery and Economics (3)

IBC 720 Behavioral Health Entrepreneurship (3)

Concentration (15 credit hours)

IBC 601 Models of Integrated Primary Care (3)

IBC 603 Brief Interventions in Primary Care (3)

IBC 604 Clinical Medicine/Pathophysiology (3)

IBC 608 Psychopharmacology for the Behavioral Care Provider (3)

IBC 609 Clinical Neuropathophysiology (3)

Electives or Research (39 credit hours)

Other Requirement (6 credit hours)

IBC 684 Internship (6)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)

IBC 793 Applied Project (6)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students who enter the doctoral program with a master's degree in a related discipline may count up to 30 credit hours from the master's degree toward the total credit hours, with program approval.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. supplemental application
4. copy of the applicant's license or license eligibility
5. one reference (professional)
6. resume or curriculum vitae
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

Applicants with master's degrees in counseling, family therapy, nursing, PA/NP, occupational health and social work, among others, are encouraged to apply. Students in the clinical concentration are required to hold a license or license eligibility to practice in a clinical field. The most competitive candidates are master's degree-level professionals who are either currently employed or have direct patient care experience in a clinical capacity in an integrated health care organization.

Licensed and license-eligible are terms defining a license to practice that is issued by a state licensing board (e.g., Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners). Examples include license-eligible master's degree-level behavioral clinician, licensed master's degree-level behavioral clinician, and master's degree-level licensed medical or ancillary health care provider (nurse, dietitian, occupational therapist).

Within the university application, a [supplemental application](#) must be submitted for admission consideration. The supplemental application includes acknowledgments of program policies, professional license disclosure and a series of essay questions (responses must be no longer than 500 words).

Contact information of at least one reference is required. The reference will be contacted via email to respond to a series of questions about the applicant. Examples of appropriate references include a supervisor who can assess either the applicant's clinical or professional performance or other professional persons (not relatives) such as a licensed behavioral health clinician, medical or other health care provider, or faculty member from the applicant's master's degree program who is well-acquainted with the applicant's professional practice or academic achievement.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring

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Summer

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Career opportunities

Graduates of the clinical concentration program have the skills to move into clinical leadership and management positions across health care settings. They are well prepared to develop and manage programs related to integrated behavioral health care.

Potential job titles include:

- behavioral health provider, consultant or specialist in primary care and other medical settings
- CEO of integrated care
- clinical team manager
- director of clinical services or operations
- health and wellness manager
- integrated care clinical provider
- integrated care manager or consultant
- integrated health care manager or specialist

- wellness program administrator

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