

NEW Course Catalog Entry

Applied Mental Health Services Certificate

The undergraduate certificate in Applied Mental Health Services, offered jointly by the Department of Psychology and by the Department of Counselor Education in the College of Education, provides a curricular experience for students who wish to pursue careers in clinical psychology, mental health counseling and allied human services that enhances the student's chosen major. This program is also specialized training for students who wish to pursue graduate degrees in these critical-need careers.

Students who have completed 60 credits with a GPA of 3.0 or better may apply for the certificate program. The program requires a minimum of ~~45~~ 17 credits by completing the psychology and counselor education courses below. Students must attain a 3.0 GPA or better to qualify for the certificate. A grade of "C-" or better (unless otherwise noted in the course description) is required in all psychology courses taken as part of the requirements for the Applied Mental Health Services certificate. **Students receiving a bachelor's degree in the Department of Psychology will meet the requirements for certification by completing the courses listed below, as well as their prerequisites. Students in other departments should meet with an advisor to determine eligibility and requirements for this certification program.** Students who qualify will receive a certificate of completion and a notation on their transcript.

Required Courses (15 credits)		
Clinical Psychology	CLP 4343	3
Neuropsychology	PSB 4240	3
Psychology and the Law	SOP 4754	3
Career and Lifespan Development	SDS 3340	3
Interpersonal Communication Skills	SDS 4410	3

Required Courses (15 credits)		
Clinical Psychology	CLP 4343	3
Neuropsychology	PSB 4240	3
Abnormal Psychology	CLP 4343	3
Career and Lifespan Development	SDS 3340	3
Interpersonal Communication Skills	SDS 4410	3

Elective Courses (2 credits, minimum)		
University Student Mentoring and Peer Coaching ¹	SDS 3483	2
Special Topics in Counseling ^{1,2}	MHS 5930	3
Psychology and the Law	SOP 4751	3

1 Course offered in the Department of Counselor Education in the College of Education

2 Prerequisites: Permission of instructor

Rationale for the changes:

As new courses became available and after review of our current certificate, we decided to add more options and swap out Psychology and the Law for Abnormal Psychology as a required course. Adding the choice of an elective creates flexibility for the students to take courses that most closely align with their interests. We also decided that Abnormal Psychology would be beneficial for all students seeking this certificate so we made it a required course and moved Psychology and the Law into elective choices. We believe that Psychology and the Law would be of interest to some students but perhaps not so much to others.