

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science in
Behavioral Health Support Program



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

- New program – approved by Missouri Department of Higher Education
- Need for entry-level worker with Associate degree - initiated by various interested persons from: Missouri Department of Mental Health & Missouri Coalition of Community Behavioral Healthcare

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

Discussions began
early 2015



Funding secured
May 2016
MO Foundation for
Health Grant



First Cohort to
begin January 2017

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (STUDENTS)

- Applicants for the first cohort (20) expected from Springfield and Southwest MO area
- Great student interest - a direct path into entry-level employment

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS)

- Application to Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC)
- Application to Behavioral Health Support Program - *deadline October 25th*
- 3 Professional References (*academic, work performance, and potential to function in health care field*)
- Attend OTC Allied Health Advising session
- Complete required admission interview (*professionalism & career goals*)
- Pass complete background check and negative drug screen

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES)

- Employment possibilities EXCELLENT
- Entry-level positions:
 - Community Support Specialist
 - Community mental health centers
 - State funded substance use disorder providers
 - State, county, and local human service agencies

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (STUDENT ENROLLMENT)

20

- *20 Students accepted January 2017 – Graduate July 2018

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- *30 Students accepted January 2018 – Graduate July 2019

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- *60 Students accepted January 2019 – Graduate July 2020

*Numbers accepted may change based on needs of profession, employers, student, and communities.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (CURRICULUM)

- Associate of Applied Science degree - 63 total credit hours
- Course abstracts – community partners provide valuable input
- Complete degree requirements within 1 ½ years
- Instructors and guest speakers for specialty areas will be from the workforce, as applicable
- 360 hours practicum experience – “real world training”

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Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer
Intro to BHCS BHS 200 I	Legal and Ethical Issues BHS 210 3	Substance Abuse Disorders BHS 230 3	Chronic Health Care Issues BHS 250 3	Evidence Based Treatment BHS 280 4
*Composition I ENG 101 3	Systems of Care BHS 220 3	Interviewing and Assessment BHS 240 3	Family and Youth Issues BHS 260 2	Field Practicum III BHS 293 3
*Introduction to Psychology PSY 110 3		Field Practicum I BHS 291 2	Crisis Intervention BHS 270 3	
*Personal Computer Applications CIS 101 3		*PSY 130 Lifespan Development 3	Field Practicum II BHS 292 3	
*Communications COM 100 3		*Technical Writing ENG 150 3	*MATH MTH 110 or TEC 108 3	
^I *American Government PLS 101 3		*Interpersonal Communication COM 200 3	*Abnormal Psychology PSY 285 3	
16 CREDITS		6 CREDITS	17 CREDITS	

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (STUDENT SUCCESS)

- Required to attend advising session before entering the program
- Individual faculty mentoring while in the program
- Hands-on practicum experiences in Behavioral Health Centers
- 180 day graduate follow up survey

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (PROGRAM SUCCESS)

- Continuous feedback from Advisory Committee, Employers & Community partners!
 - Advisory committee meetings scheduled spring & fall
 - Employer & student surveys
 - Practicum preceptor surveys
 - Input from community partners



TOP PRIORITY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM (FUTURE PLANS)

- Expand our geographical focus across Missouri
- Create a hybrid program format – coursework completed online & practicum experiences completed in area student lives
- Evolve and adapt the program as the workforce needs change
- Grant opportunities to benefit students – tuition & paid internships

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