

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AA, STATEWIDE PROGRAM

Total Credits: 60

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, behavioral health is the study of "mental health and substance abuse, life stressors and crises, stress related physical symptoms, and health behaviors". It is a dynamic and growing field that focuses on promoting positive health behaviors while reducing or eliminating health risk behaviors. The goal of this program is to foster resilience in an environment that supports students from diverse backgrounds and life experience. The program is designed to transfer to UMBC's baccalaureate social work program at the Universities at Shady Grove campus. The program also serves to train students for entry-level positions as aides or technicians in various mental health disciplines. **This program can be completed either on campus or online.**

For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-aa-degree.html>

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of key concepts in behavioral health promotion including: the determinants of mental health; stress; coping; anxiety, mood and personality disorders; substance abuse; and treatment.
- Identify and model examples of ethical and professional behavior.
- Identify and explain group processes and behaviors including: identity, formation, structure, power, influence, leadership, and performance.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Use critical thinking skills to solve problems relevant to the practice of behavioral health.

Program Advisors

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AA, STATEWIDE PROGRAM: 616
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS: 616

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Suggested Course Sequence

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester

ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *3 semester hours* *

OR

Health Elective *3 semester hours*

BIOL 101 - General Biology *4 semester hours* (NSLD)

OR

BIOL 150 - Principles of Biology I *4 semester hours* (NSLD)

MATH 117 - Elements of Statistics *3 semester hours* (MATF)

SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology *3 semester hours* (BSSD)

BEHE 100 - Introduction to Behavioral Health *3 semester hours*

Third Semester

World Language Elective *3-4 semester credits* (HUMD) †

Arts Distribution *3 semester hours* (ARTD)

HLTH 225 - Introduction to Health Behaviors *3 semester hours*

BEHE 200 - Group Dynamics *3 semester hours*

POLI 101 - American Government *3 semester hours*

OR

ECON 201 - Principles of Economics I *3 semester hours*

Second Semester

ENGL 102 - Critical Reading, Writing, and Research *3 semester hours* (ENGF)

COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours* (GEIR)

HLTH 200 - Health Issues in Human Sexuality *3 semester hours*

OR

HLTH 131 - Drugs and Lifestyle Wellness *3 semester hours*

OR

HLTH 170 - Introduction to Aging *3 semester hours*

PSYC 100 - General Psychology *3 semester hours* (BSSD)

World Language Elective *3-4 semester credits* (GEIR) †

Fourth Semester

PSYC 203 - Human Growth and Development During the Life Span *3 semester hours*

OR

PSYC 215 - Child Psychology *3 semester hours*

PSYC 221 - Introduction to Psychopathology *3 semester hours*

NUTR 101 - Introduction to Nutrition *3 semester hours* (NSND)

OR

CHEM 131 - Principles of Chemistry I *4 semester hours* (NSND)

BEHE 201 - Field Experience in Behavioral Health *5 semester hours*

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* ENGL 101/ENGL 011, if needed for ENGL 102 or HLTH elective.

† World Language Electives: Choose a General Education language (SPAN, CHIN, FREN, JAPN, or KORA) offering 200-Level General Education courses. Students interested in taking ASLP, ARAB, GERM, ITAL, or RUSS to satisfy their World Language requirements are required to meet with a Behavioral Health program advisor.

Students transferring to UMBC should meet with a Behavioral Health program advisor regarding UMBC's foreign language requirement (including use of AP, IB, or CLEP credits). UMBC students are required to complete one semester of a language at a 200 level. Students participating in the articulated curriculum with UMBC @ Shady Grove may receive financial aid for 6 additional transferable credits (total 66) as long as the 6 credits are language courses applicable to a 200-level language sequence.

AA and AS programs require one global and cultural perspectives (GCP) General Education course.

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Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Psychiatric Aide, Psychiatric Technician, Clinical Psychologist, Community Health Worker, Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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