

#### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

# CAREER ROADMAP

# LIVED EXPERIENCE

It is gained through experience with a mental health condition either firsthand or through a loved one.





## 2 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN (BHT) CERTIFICATE

A diploma is received after successful completion of high school. A BHT certificate may be received after meeting the specific criteria for the certificate (refer to Florida Certification Board website).



# 3 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

A degree received from a college or university that provides foundational knowledge in a specific field. Typically completed in 4 years.



# 4 GRADUATE DEGREE

A degree received after earning an undergraduate degree that provides more specialized knowledge in a specific field. Typically completed in 2 years.



# 5 POST-GRADUATE DEGREE

A degree received after earning a graduate degree that provides the highest level of academic qualification, focused on original research, advanced knowledge, and expertise in a specific field.

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#### CAREERS

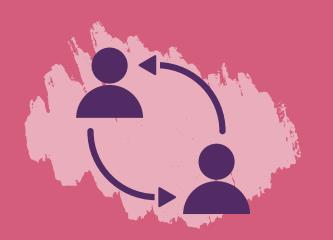
Youth advocate peer specialist
Peer specialist
Parent/family advocate

# YOUTH ADVOCATE PEER SPECIALIST

A young person with personal experience in mental health or substance use challenges who has the training to support young people facing similar struggles, guiding them through recovery and helping them take control of their own lives.



# PEER SPECIALIST



A trained professional who uses their personal experience with mental health and substance use challenges to support and guide others facing similar struggles.

# PARENT/FAMILY ADVOCATE

Someone who is trained to use their personal experience with having a child or family member with mental health and substance use challenges to support and guide other parents and families facing similar struggles.



# 2 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/BHT CERTIFICATE



Behavioral health technician Psychiatric aide Crisis services specialist Community health worker



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECH /PSYCHIATRIC AIDE



Behavioral health technicians and psychiatric aides help people dealing with mental health or substance use issues in hospitals, clinics, rehab centers, or mental health facilities. They assist with daily activities, treatment plans, track progress, and provide support.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

A community mental health worker helps people access mental health services, offers support, and promotes recovery within the community.



#### CERTIFICATIONS

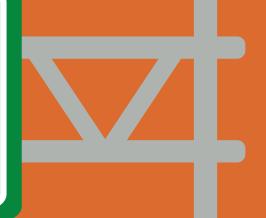
Offered by Florida Certification Board (FCB)



Certified BHT Credential
Certified Community Health Worker
Certified Recovery Peer Specialist

All FCB certifications require a high school diploma or General Equivalence Degree (GED), training, work experience, on-the-job supervision, letters of recommendation, and a certification exam.

# 3 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE





## CERTIFICATES

- Applied Mental Health Services
- Addiction Studies
- Counseling in School Settings
- Crisis & Trauma Counseling
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Peer Support Specialist (online, towards Certified Recovery Peer Specialist)

#### **DEGREE OPTIONS**

Behavioral & Mental Health
Psychology
Neuroscience & Behavior
Social Work
Community Psychology
Human Services

- Child Welfare
- Youth Development
- Registered Behavior Technician (online towards Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Mental Health Technician (online, towards BHT certificate)
- Healthy Aging
- Social Justice

## SCHOOLS



Florida Atlantic University

<u>Lynn University</u>+

Nova Southeastern University\*

Palm Beach Atlantic University\*

Palm Beach State College+

South University+

<u>Keiser University</u>+

#### CAREERS

- Behavioral health technician
- Child welfare case worker
- Case manager or care coordinator
- Vocational rehabilitation counselor
- Psychiatric technician
- Social worker
- Community outreach worker
- Mental health navigator
- Crisis line worker

- Intake coordinator
- Research assistant
- Group facilitator
- Substance abuse counselor
- Prevention specialist





## DEGREE OPTIONS

- Clinical Mental Health
   Counseling
- Clinical Rehabilitation
   Counseling
- Mental Health Counseling
- School Counseling
- Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Developmental Disabilities



- General Psychology
- Social Work
- Industrial & Organizational Psychology
- Christian Studies + Clinical Mental
- Health Counseling
- Master of Divinity + Clinical Mental Health Counseling



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## CAREERS

Data and School behavioral

Clinician/therapist
Program administrator
Data and evaluation analyst
School behavioral health professional
Psychologist
College professor
Researcher
Clinical case manager





#### **DEGREE OPTIONS**

Counselor Education
Experimental Psychology
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Social Work
Medicine

#### **CERTIFICATES**

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner





**SCHOOLS** 

Florida Atlantic University

#### **CAREERS**

Psychologist
Professor
Field researcher/research scientist
Psychiatrist
Public policy advisor or consultant



Note: The information contained within this document is subject to change. Please refer to each school's website for the most up-to-date information.



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