Advanced Clinical Behavioral Health
Graduate Certificate

Overview
Get the training you need to effectively practice in today’s challenging behavioral health settings with CSU’s online Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Behavioral Health.

Why clinical behavioral health?
Behavioral health, including clinical social work, is a growing and demanding field that requires ongoing training to understand current diagnoses, medications, and trauma-informed care practices. Individuals with mental illness and substance abuse problems are prevalent, yet underserved, in our society. We need more practitioners who are equipped to meet their needs, and improve their quality of life. Our three-course certificate prepares you to fill this important and in-demand role in the health care system.

What you learn
As you work to advance in the behavioral health field, our certificate will help you:

• Sharpen your diagnostic abilities with clinical skills training so you can ultimately create more effective treatment plans.

• Understand recent changes to industry diagnosis standards as a result of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder, Fifth Edition (DSM-5TM).

• Utilize practical insights from trauma-informed care training to ensure physical, psychological and emotional safety for clients and providers.

• Obtain the necessary knowledge and skills to sit for state clinical exams.

In addition, and not typically covered in master’s-level programs, our certificate’s psychopharmacology courses offer training for professionals working with clients who take prescribed medication.

Courses successfully completed as part of the advanced clinical behavioral health certificate may also count toward elective credit hours required for completion of CSU’s Master of Social Work (M.S.W.).

Curriculum
Required courses
• SOWK 675 – Psychopathology and Community Health (3 cr., summer)
• SOWK 676 – Psychopharmacology and Community Health (3 cr., fall)
• SOWK 677 – Trauma Informed Care (3 cr., spring)

Delivery
Online

Credits
9 credits
Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

Tuition
$619 per credit
• Includes Student Services
• Fees assessed separately
• Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame
Can be completed in 3 semesters

Completion requirements
Successful completion of 9 credits from the appropriate courses

More info
online.colostate.edu/certificates/advanced-clinical-behavioral-health

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Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **July 15**  
Spring semester: **December 1**  
Summer semester: **April 1**

Students can begin the program in the fall, spring or summer semesters and applications are reviewed as they are received. You can expect to be notified of your application status within two weeks of submitting all application materials.

1. **Review Admission Requirements**
   The Advanced Clinical Behavioral Health certificate requires students have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2. **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online).
   - Select “Advanced Clinical Behavior Health (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3. **Check Your Application Status**
   View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

4. **Information for International Students**
   **Official transcript translation**
   Ensure official copies include a certified translation into English (only one set of transcripts is required).

   **Official test scores**
   Colorado State University requires that proficiency in English language be demonstrated either by the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE academic tests prior to admission. Please submit one of the official scores from the list below. Scores must be taken within two years prior to admission and submitted directly from the Educational Testing Service (select institution code: 4075).
   - The minimum TOEFL score for admission without condition is 550 (paper-based), or 80 (internet-based).
   - The minimum IELTS score for admission without condition is 6.5.
   - The minimum PTE Academic score for admission without condition is 58.

   In general, all applicants from countries in which English is not the official language, and who do not have an undergraduate degree from a country in which the official language is English (Canada, U.K., Australia, USA, New Zealand, etc.), must submit one of the official test scores from the list above.