

## 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

\$689 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](https://online.colostate.edu/certificates/advanced-clinical-behavioral-health)

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# How to Apply

Advanced Clinical Behavioral Health - Graduate Certificate



## Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **August 1**      Spring semester: **January 1**      Summer semester: **May 1**

The advanced clinical behavioral health certificate requires students have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

### 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 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: [gradadmissions@colostate.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

Send paper copies to:  
Graduate Admissions  
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
1062 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

## Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates.

## International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.