

BHAV 471 : Behavioral Healthcare Program Capstone

Credits 5

Quarter Offered Spring

Serves as the culmination of the bachelor's degree in Behavioral Health, integrating theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired throughout the program. Students will engage in a comprehensive project or research initiative, addressing a real-world issue in behavioral health. This course emphasizes critical thinking, evidence-based practices, and interdisciplinary collaboration, with students developing solutions or interventions to improve mental health care outcomes. Through the capstone, students will demonstrate their competency in areas such as clinical practice, policy development, community outreach, and program design. The Behavioral Health Capstone will give students the opportunity to select from 3 project options related to the field of behavioral health. This class may include students from multiple sections.

Must be seeking a Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Healthcare degree to enroll. If interested, visit pencol.edu/bas

Prerequisites

Behavioral Healthcare BAS Program Admittance; Completion of at least 60 credits of BHAV courses

Course Outcomes

- Synthesize Knowledge: Integrate and apply core concepts from psychology, counseling, and social work to a behavioral health issue.
- Develop a Project/Intervention: Design and implement a research project, community initiative, or clinical intervention that addresses an identified need in behavioral health.
- Demonstrate Critical Thinking: Analyze complex behavioral health cases, policies, or community needs, and develop strategic solutions using evidence-based practices.
- Collaborate Effectively: Work collaboratively with peers, stakeholders, or interdisciplinary teams to achieve project goals.
- Showcase Professionalism: Demonstrate ethical decision-making, cultural competence, and professional communication throughout the project development and execution.
- Evaluate Impact: Assess the effectiveness of the project or intervention and reflect on its potential to improve behavioral health outcomes.