



Majors Map for Students Interested in Careers in Mental Health at MSU Denver

	Human Services	Psychology	Social Work
Common Career Paths	Addictions counselor, case manager, group home worker, victim advocate, fundraiser, grant writer, mental health worker, firefighter, paramedic (with transfer credits), domestic violence victims support worker, jobs with senior citizens, foster care and adoption agencies, disaster and emergency relief, mentoring agencies, homeless shelters and transitional housing, juvenile justice, gang intervention, after school programs, social services, teen programs, rehabilitation services, and many more.	Psychology is a diverse field with hundreds of career paths. Employment settings include hospitals, residential treatment facilities, outpatient mental health centers, rehabilitation centers, schools, businesses, and community corrections; Work with individuals, couples, families, and groups; Work roles include behavioral technician, mental health worker, educational advisor, corrections counselor/ probation officer, human resources specialist.	Employment settings include schools, hospitals, prisons, nonprofits, businesses, and governmental orgs; Work with individuals, couples, families, groups, communities, and organizations; Work in roles such as intake, resource and referral, case managers, program coordinators, mental health workers, project directors, community organizers, policy analysis & more; Employment of social workers expected to grow by 16% from 2016 to 2026 (faster than the average for all occupations).
Signature Curriculum Components	HSP 2030: Theory and Practice of Counseling HSP 3490: Multicultural Issues in Human Services HSP 3560: Motivational Interviewing HSP 3710: Research Methods HSP 4290: PTSD & Trauma Informed Care HSP 4540: Youth, Drugs, and Gangs	Courses focus on how to promote mental health, and how to treat individuals who may suffer from problems like anxiety, depression, and relationship dysfunction. Key courses include: PSY 2150: Positive Psychology, PSY 3000: Theories of Personality, PSY 3620: Abnormal Psychology, PSY 4100: Introduction to Clinical & Counseling Psychology, PSY 4650: Advanced Internship	Curricular focus on promoting social justice and social change & the needs of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; Hands-on practice courses that focus on working with individuals, groups, families, communities and policy issues; BSSW graduates are eligible for Advanced Standing status in any MSW program; can earn Masters degree in just one year!
How Courses Are Offered	Part-time and full-time plans Day, Night and Weekend (Friday/Saturday or Saturdays) Hybrid Online	Part-time and full-time plans; On-campus, Online and Hybrid (combination of online and on-campus class); Some courses offer a service-learning component, which provides direct contact with organizations in the community.	Part-time and full-time plans; On-campus, Online and Hybrid (combination of online and on-campus class); Day, Evening and Weekend courses; Our entire program can be completed online!

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Internship Requirements	<p>Pre-field Seminar (must be completed before Practicum or Internship), HSP 2070</p> <p>300-hour Practicum (20 hours/week in Fall/Spring, 30 hours/week in Summer), HSP 2080</p> <p>* Students in Addiction Studies complete a second Practicum, HSP 3090</p> <p>450-hour Professional Internship (30 hours/week in Fall/Spring), HSP 4790</p> <p>* Students may complete Internship over two semesters, 225-hours per semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer)</p>	<p>A minimum of one 150-hour internship is required for the Clinical & Counseling Psych Concentration designation on the student transcript.</p>	<p>SWK 1600: 45 hours community work</p> <p>SWK 3350: 60 hours agency work</p> <p>SWK 4500 and 4510: 480 hours (16/week) field internship during senior year</p>
Other Things You Should Know	<p>Applied skills</p> <p>Masters (2020) will allow for double licensure (LAC and LPC)</p> <p>Flexible scheduling, extended major</p> <p>No minor required</p> <p>Students graduate eligible for their CAC I (Addictions Studies)</p> <p>Grants available for certificate programs (HRSA grant)</p>	<p>The Clinical and Counseling Psych Concentration receives a designation on the student transcript;</p> <p>Requires a minor of your choice;</p> <p>Flexible course scheduling;</p> <p>Blend of science + liberal arts;</p> <p>In addition to direct service skills, there is an emphasis on research, writing skills, & information evaluation.</p>	<p>Courses are offered sequentially, and the program starts every Fall semester;</p> <p>An application is required to start the major;</p> <p>No minor is required;</p> <p>We also have an MSW Program (accredited since 2011);</p> <p>Scholarship and stipend funding is available for undergraduate and graduate students with interests in behavioral health, health care leadership, child welfare, addictions, gerontology and diversity.</p>
Ways to Explore More	<p>Take HSP 1010- Intro to Human Services</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with a HSP advisor</p> <p>Meet with a faculty advisor</p> <p>Visit our website: https://msudenver.edu/hsp/</p> <p>Explore CAC certification: https://msudenver.edu/hsp/certifiedaddictioncounselorcac/</p>	<p>Take PSY2001: Careers & Professional Development in Psychology;</p> <p>Take PSY 2150: Positive Psychology;</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with a PSY advisor;</p> <p>Visit https://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.aspx;</p> <p>Explore psychology department website: https://msudenver.edu/psychology/</p>	<p>Take SWK 1010 or SWK 1600 (and fulfill social & behavioral science II requirement);</p> <p>Take SWK electives;</p> <p>Set up an appointment with an advisor in Social Work;</p> <p>Explore the website. https://msudenver.edu/socialwork/</p>