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Overview

The Behavioral Health Program (aka Doctor of Behavioral Health) transitioned to the College of Health Solutions in January 2013 and has moved to an entirely online format. Since its inception, this program has grown significantly to include more than 250 students. This cohort-based, accelerated program incorporates internship experience in a primary care setting offering students an enriched and very unique opportunity for discovery. The program offers two track options; a clinical and management track, and has received full accreditation by the National Institute of Behavioral Health Quality (2013).

This highly specialized program meets a growing demand for professionals who have a deep understanding of the primary care environment, evidence-based intervention, health care policy and financing, best business practices, and more. Experts agree that integrated behavioral interventions for co-morbid medical and behavioral conditions, such as diabetes and depression, can play a significant role in improving patient health while reducing medical costs.

The Doctor of Behavioral Health program not only to prepare students to thrive in the current marketplace, but to lead and transform the current system of health care in ways that result in integrated behavioral health care – the coordinated, systemic treatment of both medical and behavioral conditions.

Facts

- The program transitioned from the School of Letters and Sciences to the College of Health Solutions (2013).
- First international students enrolled (2012).
- The department launched initiatives with select Chinese universities and hospitals to recruit students to provide training on integrated care for physicians, nurses and behavioral clinics.
- In 2009, the program established a fall and spring residency conference for students and integrated care leaders which features nationally-recognized speakers on integrated behavioral health care.