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Associate of Applied Science in Behavioral Health Support

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Current Programs

- > Ozarks Technical College
- > Three Rivers Community College
- > St. Louis Community College
- > St. Charles Community College
- > North Central Missouri Community College

Requirements

- ✓ Must follow set or approved curriculum
- ✓ Partnership with local Community Behavioral Health Organization(s) for:
 - Practicum opportunities
 - Job placement
 - Advisory board membership
 - Adjunct faculty
- ✓ Designated director and practicum coordinator for the program

History of the Program

The Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare (Coalition) partnered in 2014 to address the workforce shortage in the Community Support Specialist position that all Community Behavioral Health Organizations (contracted with DMH) have been experiencing for many years.

To address this issue, the DMH, Coalition, and behavioral healthcare providers engaged Ozarks Technical Community College to develop the Associate of Applied Science in Behavioral Health Support.

The first cohort of ten graduates completed their degree in the summer of 2018, and upon their graduation, all ten were employed by Burrell Behavioral Health located in Springfield, MO. This program prepares graduates for the behavioral healthcare field which focuses on a holistic and evidence-based approach to treatment and recovery.

"This is my dream as a hiring manager to have students come work for me with this level of training."



Jenn - Burrell Behavioral Health

Due to the great success of this program, the Coalition and behavioral healthcare providers have outreached to other community colleges in hopes of bringing this program to other campuses throughout the state.

The Coalition and DMH will continue oversight through Advisory Boards for approved programs, as well as providing guidance for curriculum, practicum placements and hiring of adjunct instructors.

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-  Missouri Department of Mental Health is currently developing a designation for this program.
-  Funding opportunities exist through Missouri Foundation for Health.