

# School-Based Mental Health Services

## Course Description

This course aims to equip students with fundamental knowledge and skills related to evidence-based behavioral health prevention and intervention in schools with an emphasis on cross systems collaboration and multi-tiered systems of services and supports.

## About this Graduate Course

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School Based Mental Health Course  
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This course is taught entirely online  
(asynchronous) via modules made  
available through Canvas

## Instructor

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## Course Highlights

- „ Review the history, financing, and prominent models of delivery of school-based mental health services, and the roles of various key personnel (e.g., administrators, teaching-related services personnel, parents, and community providers) in meeting students' behavioral health needs.
- „ Understand whole-school approaches to the delivery of behavioral health services that address the needs of all students within the school setting.
- „ Gain knowledge regarding evidence-based behavioral health prevention and intervention approaches in schools for specific problems and higher risk students.

## About the Instructor

Dr. Foster is an Assistant Professor at CFS's Rightpath Research and Innovation Center. Dr. Foster conducts a wide range of school-based research, including basic research and longitudinal applied studies. He is particularly interested in supporting children's academic and social emotional development as they transition from preschool through elementary school with a focus on children from historically marginalized communities. Dr. Foster is also interested in evidence-based practices that foster early development using multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). As a previous special education teacher and developmental psychologist, Dr. Foster has a strong understanding of the intersection between developmental disabilities and school-based supports.

