



Degree Requirements: Behavioral Sciences (610)–Master of Science
 School of Graduate and Professional Studies
 Department of Psychology
 Catalog Year: 2020-2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences (MSBS) program is designed to serve that segment of the population employed in or interested in a broad spectrum of professions in the behavioral sciences. Specific target populations are persons employed or preparing for employment in public or private organizations involved in human resources activities; persons wishing to pursue doctoral studies in the behavioral sciences or research-related careers or to gain experience in research; and persons preparing for counseling licensure in mental health professions. The goal of the MSBS program is to develop the knowledge base and professional competencies of individuals interested in professions in the behavioral sciences. Current objectives for the MSBS program are listed on the [Cameron University transparency webpage](#).

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Students who wish to pursue the M.S. in Behavioral Sciences should follow these procedures: 1) apply and be admitted to graduate studies at Cameron University and 2) have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS–33 HOURS

Core Courses-21 hours

PSY 5000 MSBS Introductory Seminar	PSY 5203 Human Development
PSY 5003 Ethical Princ of Counseling/Assessment/Research*	PSY 5243 Advanced Psychology of Personality
PSY 5053 Introduction to Statistics in Behavioral Sciences*	PSY 5363 Psychopathology
PSY 5013 Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences**	PSY 5383 Social/Cultural Found in Counseling/Psychology

**Must be successfully completed in first nine hours of graduate work.*
***Must be successfully completed in first 18 hours of graduate work.*

Option-12-27 hours

Choose one of the following three options:

Counseling Track (27 hours)

PSY 5033 Basic Counseling Skills
 PSY 5073 Crisis Intervention
 PSY 5433 Counseling Theories
 PSY 5703 Individual Counseling
 PSY 5713 Group Counseling
 PSY 5743 Clinical Practicum I
 PSY 5753 Clinical Practicum II

One assessment course from the following:

PSY 5333 Assessment of Marriage and Family **OR** PSY 5513
 Assessment in Personality **OR** PSY 5523 Assessment in
 Intelligence

One additional graduate level PSY course from the following:

PSY 5043 Human Sexuality
 PSY 5063 Advanced Statistics in Behavioral Sciences
 PSY 5083 Introduction to the Counseling Profession
 PSY 5223 Psychology of Aging
 PSY 5253 Career Counseling/Lifestyle
 PSY 5313 Psychology of Interpersonal Communication
 PSY 5373 Drug and Alcohol Addiction
 PSY 5393 Systems Theory
 PSY 5423 Drug and Alcohol Counseling Theories
 PSY 5453 Psychopharmacology
 PSY 5583 Advanced Social Psychology

Marriage and Family Track (27 hours)

PSY 5033 Basic Counseling Skills
 PSY 5323 Foundations of Marriage and Family
 PSY 5333 Assessment of Marriage and Family
 PSY 5343 Marriage and Family Therapy
 PSY 5353 Theories of Marriage and Family
 PSY 5393 Systems Theory
 PSY 5893 Practicum: Marriage and Family Therapy I
 PSY 5903 Practicum: Marriage and Family Therapy II

Choose one of the following:

PSY 5223 **OR** PSY 5313

General Psychology Track (12 hours)

PSY 5413 Advanced Human Cognition
 PSY 5583 Advanced Social Psychology
 Electives (6 hours): To be chosen from any courses for which
 necessary prerequisites have been completed. Students
 interested in pursuing a Ph.D. should consider PSY 5991-6
 Thesis.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the required courses for the appropriate track with a cumulative 3.0 or above.
 Successful complete the comprehensive examination as determined by the assessment committee.
 Complete the Graduation Application.
 Complete an Exit Interview.