OUR PROGRAM

We are looking for a diverse pool of applicants who are interested in developing new knowledge and insights to drive positive social change.

The Behavioral Health Concentration focuses on the intersection and linkage of health, behavior, and systems of care, targeting alcohol, drugs, and mental health issues.

We consider systems of care, including health care delivery, as well as criminal legal, education, social services, housing, military, and the workplace.

Students will study and apply rigorous research standards to improve behavioral health practices and policies.

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**Research skills** necessary to make a significant contribution to behavioral health and social service systems

**Integrated, multidisciplinary approach** to social policy that offers comprehensive and practical training

**Knowledge** that can improve people's lives and affect structural change, particularly for marginalized populations

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Many people experience mental health or substance use problems:

- 1 in 4 in any given year
- 1 in 2 during a lifetime

Prevention and treatment services are available, but access, quality and outcomes can still be improved.

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**FROM OUR STUDENTS**

"A PhD from the Heller School will open doors for you to influence policy to promote social justice."

"Faculty are concerned for students holistically (in all domains of life), mentorship is widely available and enriches the student experience."

"The Heller community has challenged my thinking while helping to create a collaborative and supportive environment."

"I can truly absorb its motto, 'knowledge advancing social justice.' I am learning the skills needed to reduce the disparities in substance use disorders treatment."

"My time at Heller has certainly been one of the most enlightening experiences in my career, and in my life."

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