

# Behavioral Healthcare Career and Technical Education National Comparison Report

## Overview

This report presents a comprehensive national scan of Behavioral Health (BH) Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs/pathways, courses, and credentials offered in 50 states and the District of Columbia, to identify opportunities Michigan can learn from, adapt, and implement. The report also highlights promising practices and supplementary strategies that, when paired with new BH CTE opportunities, can further enrich students' pathways into BH careers.

## Key Findings



### Michigan has fewer and less visible behavioral health (BH) CTE pathways

Other states with clearly defined BH programs make career options easier to find.



### Michigan could add more specialized BH courses

Examples include Careers in Mental Health, Social Work Workplace Experience, and Child Development and Psychology.



### Michigan lacks diverse BH-related credentials

Nationally, BH-career credentials are common, but Michigan offers only seven similar options, putting the state behind its peers.

## Recommendations

- ✓ Expand BH CTE courses
- ✓ Connect BH courses and credentials to diverse programs/pathways
- ✓ Expand BH-related credentials
- ✓ Use incentives to boost BH CTE programs/pathways, courses, and credentials



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