



## FHSU program approved by National Board for Certified Counselors to deliver TeleMental Health credential training



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### Telemental Health

Fort Hays State University’s Counseling Program has been approved as a Registered Credential Training Provider (RCTP) for the Board Certified-TeleMental Health (BC TMH) credential by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and its credentialing affiliate, the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE).

This designation places FHSU among a select group of institutions nationwide authorized to offer training that meets NBCC’s national standards for telemental health practice. As an RCTP, FHSU can provide coursework that fulfills the educational training requirements for the BC TMH credential, supporting both counseling students and licensed professionals seeking to strengthen their competence in ethical, legal, and effective technology assisted mental health services.

***“This designation reflects the strength of our counseling program and our commitment to preparing students for the realities of modern practice,”*** said Dr. Elliot Isom, associate professor and counseling faculty member at Fort Hays State University. ***“Telehealth is no longer optional in our field—it is essential to meeting client needs, especially in rural and underserved communities.”***

FHSU delivers BC TMH aligned training through its Advanced Education Programs, offering a structured sequence of courses that address telemental health foundations, advanced clinical skills, and service delivery for special populations. Designed for flexibility and accessibility, the fully online format allows graduate students and working professionals to engage in high quality training while developing practical, real world skills.

The initiative is further supported by Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) grant funding, which is focused on expanding telehealth education and strengthening the behavioral health workforce across Kansas. Grant support aids curriculum development, training opportunities, and outreach efforts to improve access to mental health services statewide.

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## FHSU invests in AI technology to prepare future workforce



Fort Hays State University's Computer Science Department recently expanded opportunities for student learning and research through its new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Lab.

Developed under the leadership of Dr. Anas Hourani, associate professor of computer science, the lab was funded through the university's President's Innovation Grants. Working with research team members Dr. Daniel McClure and Dr. Magdalene Moy, Hourani secured resources to purchase three high-performance computing systems designed to support advanced AI research and instruction.

Before the lab opened, many students faced technology limitations that slowed research and experimentation. The new systems, equipped with advanced processors and graphics technology, enable students to process large datasets and complete complex AI projects in hours rather than days or weeks.

***"The goal is to grow the lab into a larger research facility," Hourani said. "We want to give our students the resources they need to excel in the world of AI."***

The lab has already had an impact on students, including recent graduate Monyvann Men of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, who completed his final semester at FHSU after attending the American University of Phnom Penh, one of FHSU's international partners.

Men said access to the lab eliminated the need to purchase expensive personal equipment and allowed him to focus on research and skill development. Along with classmates Chivithrokhal Chan and Makara Heng, he used the lab to test and improve AI projects more efficiently.

Men graduated in December and now works as a business analyst in Dallas, Texas, applying skills developed during his time at FHSU.

