



# **Psychotropic Medications for Children and Adolescents:** **An exploration of psychotropic medications and the impact of their use with children, including the ethical dilemmas in treatment**

**Presented by UCF College of Education and Human Performance**

## **Description**

As the number of school-age children being prescribed psychotropic medications grows, it becomes increasingly important for educators and mental health professionals to understand the positive and negative aspects of these drugs. Given the potential impact medications have on children's school performance, teachers and counselors can collaboratively assist children and their families who may be in need of or are currently using psychotropic medications. Participants will learn about the various classes of psychotropic medications commonly used to treat children and adolescents. Medication(s) influence on brain function, the impact on a child's wellbeing, safety and addictive qualities will be explored and discussed.

Learning objectives:

1. Attendees will be able to acquire knowledge regarding the biological theories of childhood psychiatric disorders.
2. Attendees will be able to identify the primary groups of psychotropic medications used with children.
3. Attendees will be able to describe scientific models that provide an understanding of the mechanism of action of psychotropic medications for children.
4. Attendees will be able to explain the effectiveness and addictive qualities of psychotropic medications for children.
5. Attendees will be able to identify the client's and his/her parent's beliefs about the purpose and importance of various and frequently prescribed medications.
6. Attendees will be able to recognize potential ethical dilemmas for counselors and educators and identify multicultural differences in the application and understanding of pharmacological treatment approaches to childhood psychiatric disorders.

The target audience includes educators, mental health and marriage and family counselors, school counselors and graduate students interested in learning about the effects of psychopharmacological treatment on children and adolescents. All participants will receive a certificate for 8 hours to apply towards continuing education units or in-service hours.



**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**9:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

**Location:**

**UCF College of Education and  
Human Performance, Teaching Academy  
4221 Andromeda Loop  
Orlando, FL 32816**

**Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yak7ekwx>  
\$120 (includes workshop materials, continental  
breakfast, and parking)  
Refunds available until December 13, 2017**