

2021 – 2022 BHWET Scholars Application

Benefits

- Students accepted into the BHWET scholars program will receive enriched education, training and career development opportunities, focused on interprofessional development and the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder.
- Full-time Masters-level students receive an annual stipend of \$10,000; full-time doctoral-level PMHNP students receive an annual stipend of \$28,352.

Who should apply

- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Social Work, Mental Health Counseling or Rehabilitation Counseling students interested in clinical practice working with behavioral health and addiction services in an integrated health setting.

Eligibility

- Full-time Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling student entering their last year of clinical or field practicum and in good standing (as defined by the respective program)
- U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or foreign national with a visa permitting permanent residence.

Requirements

- Maintain a full-time course load and good academic standing in your appropriate school and fulfill predetermined requirements for your program.
- Complete the enhanced training program on behavioral health.
- Commit to seeking employment related to behavioral health in rural, vulnerable, or underserved communities following graduation.
- Commit to providing contact and employment information following graduation.
- Complete a competitive BHWET scholars' program application process.
- See supplemental application information for more information.

Application Process

1. Return this **completed form, required statement and one copy of your resume** by the application deadline (see below) to your coordinator (see below) or their designee.
 - a. Mental Health Counseling / Rehabilitation Counseling: Friday, May 1st, 2021
 - b. Psych. Mental Health DNP: Friday, April 30th, 2021
 - c. Social Work: Monday, March 30th, 2021
2. The Selection Committee will review applications, select candidates for interviews, and notify all applicants of final decisions.

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Name: _____

UB Person Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Enrollment Information

Which program are you in?

- Mental Health Counseling (MS)
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP)
- Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)
- Social Work (MSW)

What is your enrollment status?

- Full-Time
- Part-Time

UB does not discriminate or request information to make award decisions based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion or age. Your responses to the questions below are optional. Confidentiality will be maintained, and demographic information will be reported in aggregate only. If selected, any required information will be collected at intake.

Demographic Information

What is your gender identity?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Other (please specify): _____
- Do not wish to provide.

What is your date of birth? _____

What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White
 Other (please specify): _____

Are you Hispanic/Latinx:

Yes
 No

What languages other than English do you speak? _____

Do you come from an economically and/or educationally disadvantaged environment?

Yes
 No

Are you from a rural area?

Yes
 No

Are you a veteran?

Active Duty
 Reservist
 Veteran – Prior Service
 Veteran – Retired
 No

Please provide and attach a succinct statement (approximately 750 words) describing your:

- Career Goals
- The attitudes, experiences, and skills that you will bring to this project
- The desire to develop skills for interprofessional practice in behavioral health
- Interest in working with integrated care, substance abuse and addiction
- Interest in learning evidence-based interventions and culturally sensitive practice
- Any barriers that you may have in participating in project activities

This project is supported by funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) and Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH) under grant number M01HP31333 of the Behavioral Health Workforce and Education Training (BHWET) program. By submitting this request, I affirm that I have met all program requirements, I authorize and grant permission to my academic unit or its representatives involved with the fellowship award process, to obtain and examine my academic transcript, letters of recommendation, and resume, for the purpose of applying for fellowship awards, as well ensuring continued eligibility, should I be selected. I understand that not all applicants will be awarded a fellowship, as there are limited fellowship funds available.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

UB HRSA BHWET 2021 - 2022 Scholars Program

What is BHWET?

The Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program (BHWET) is a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded workforce education and training program, which aims to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan, including rural and medically underserved areas, with a focus on substance abuse treatment. The program aims at closing the gap in access to behavioral health care services through enabling community partnerships and providing advanced training for students entering the fields of behavioral health and substance abuse. The principal investigator/project director for the UB BHWET program is Dr. Yu-Ping Chang PhD, RN, FGSA, FIAAN, FAAN. Dr. Chang is the Patricia H. and Richard E. Garman Endowed Professor, Chair, Family, Community and Health Systems Science Division, Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship and a Professor for the UB School of Nursing. The Project Coordinator is Joshua Altemoos, EdM, BTEch.

What makes up the BHWET Scholars program?

The BHWET program consists of a comprehensive training program, created to supplement clinical training that students receive. This program focuses on integrated care, behavioral health and substance abuse. The program cohort consists of students from different parts of the behavioral health and substance abuse field, namely social workers, mental health counselors, rehabilitation counselors and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners. In addition, the program is made up of a group of interdisciplinary team members and trainers from the backgrounds of interprofessional education, social work, psychology, family medicine, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, addiction medicine, psychiatric nursing and student development.

Eligibility Requirements

- Full-time Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling student entering their last year of clinical or field practicum and in good standing (as defined by the respective program).
- U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or foreign national with a visa permitting permanent residence.

Program Requirements & Expectations

- Maintain good academic standing in your appropriate school and fulfill predetermined requirements for your program.
- Register and maintain a full-time credit load each semester
- Complete a longitudinal clinical/field placement or internship in a designated behavioral health setting.
- Participate in and complete the enhanced training program on behavioral health.
 - Attend in person workshops, as scheduled (see the example FT schedule)
 - About 8 workshops a semester and in the past these have been on Fridays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Complete online modules, as scheduled (see the example FT schedule)
 - Participate in program assessments
 - Participate in Interprofessional peer groups involving group discussions (in and out of the workshops)
 - Participate in patient simulations

- Participate in online discussions for each topic area and reply to one other unique post or participate in in-person discussion groups (depending on the workshop)
- Other requirements as assigned.
- Commit to seeking employment related to behavioral health in rural, vulnerable, or underserved communities following graduation.
- Commit to providing contact and employment information following graduation
- Sign a commitment letter for the program, outlining the understanding of the requirements and related information

Stipend Information

Student stipends levels are set by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and are dependent on educational degree level and have different timeframes on how they are issued.

- Social Work (MSW), Mental Health Counseling (MS) & Rehabilitation Counseling (MS) receive \$10,000, this is split in half between the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (DNP) receive \$28,352 paid bi-weekly over the course of the program. The exact bi-weekly amount is dependent on the number of pay periods between September 1 and June 1, as defined by SUNY RF.

Stipends are processed through SUNY RF Payroll and take roughly six weeks to process, once the forms have been filled out, signed and submitted.

Program stipends may have an impact on your financial aid and/or tax situation (please contact your financial aid counselor or accountant for more information).

Example Schedule – Fall 2020

Date/Time/Location	Workshop Topic
Friday, September 4th	Program Kick-off
Friday, September 11th	Introduction to Addictions and Substance Use & Co-Occurring Disorders
Friday, September 18th	Interprofessional Education
Friday, October 9th	Motivational Interviewing #1
Friday, October 16th	Medication Assisted Treatment
Friday, October 23rd	Cultural Competency
Friday, October 30th	Integrated Care & Telehealth for Behavioral Health
Week of November 6th & 13th	Patient Simulation #1
Friday, November 20th	Addiction and Substance Use in Adolescents
Friday, December 4th	Trauma Informed Care
Friday, December 11th	End of Semester Meeting

Example Schedule – Spring 2021

Date/Time/Location	Workshop Topic
<i>Week of Monday, January 25th Web-based</i>	Substance Use Disorder Diagnosis & Treatment
Friday, February 5th	Opioid Use and the Community and COVID-19
Friday, February 12th	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
Friday, February 26th	Screen, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
Friday, March 5th	Supervision
Friday, March 12th	Motivational Interviewing
Friday, April 2nd	Evidence Based Practice
Friday, April 9th	Mindfulness
Friday April 23rd	Simulation
Friday, April 30th	Simulation
Friday, May 7th	End of Program Meeting

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