

Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Interprofessional Fellowship Program in Psychosocial Rehabilitation
And Recovery Oriented Services

The Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center Mental Health Service Line in Durham, NC announces openings for the 2015 – 2016 academic year of its Interprofessional Fellowship Program in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services for Veterans with serious mental illness (SMI) and substance use disorders (SUD). The fellowship program is a state-of-the-art clinical training program that focuses on the theory and practice of psychosocial rehabilitation and treatment of substance use disorders. The program provides individualized, mentored clinical and research training. The curriculum is designed to educate fellows on the use of comprehensive psychosocial rehabilitation approaches, evidence-based treatment for SUDs, and implementing change in mental health care settings. Fellows will work with Veterans with SMI (e.g., schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, PTSD) and SUDs (i.e., alcohol, drugs of abuse, tobacco). The purpose of the fellowship program is to develop leaders with vision, knowledge, and commitment to the transformation of health care systems to those that emphasize functional capability, rehabilitation, and recovery.

Fellows will have primary clinical experiences in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center, the Mental Health Intensive Case Management program (an Assertive Community Treatment model program), and the Substance Use Disorders Clinic. Additionally, fellows develop an elective experience based on individual interests. Support is provided for each fellow to initiate or participate in a research, program evaluation, or education dissemination project. Supervision for licensure is supported. Fellows typically have the opportunity to complete one or more VA national training programs in evidence-based interventions. In the past, these have included Social Skills Training for Schizophrenia, Motivational Interviewing, and Cognitive Processing Therapy. Additionally, didactics and clinical experiences are offered throughout the training year on a range of evidence-based practices (e.g., cognitive behavioral therapy for SUD, Seeking Safety, Wellness Recovery Action Planning, Illness Management and Recovery, tobacco cessation). Fellows receive significant training in both group and individual service delivery.

Fellows must be U.S. citizens and must be graduates of academic programs that are accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting bodies for the profession. Applications are invited from graduates of psychiatry residency programs, doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology, master's or doctoral programs in social work, master's or doctoral programs in mental health nursing, master's programs in occupational therapy, master's programs in vocational rehabilitation, and masters of divinity programs with four units of accredited clinical pastoral education. For psychology applicants, note that the PSR fellowship is a track within the Durham VAMC psychology postdoctoral fellowship program, which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA) and is a postdoctoral member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The PSR fellowship program is full-time. Stipends are competitive and vary by discipline. Fellows are eligible for health and life insurance benefits. All fellows earn annual and sick leave and are entitled to all Federal holidays.

Application Instructions:

- I. Psychology applicants:** Please see the webpage for the Durham VAMC Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (APA-accredited). For psychology fellowship applicants, please apply via the APPA CAS portal: <https://portal.appicpostdoc.org>

- II. For all other applicants** (i.e., from disciplines other than psychology), to apply for this Fellowship please submit the following items:
 1. Letter of interest that describes (a) how you envision this training furthering your professional development, (b) your prior training or exposure to recovery-oriented services for serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders, and (c) your professional and research interests. Letters of interest are typically 1-2 pages.
 2. Current Curriculum Vitae
 3. Graduate transcripts (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable at the time of application. If you are offered an interview, official transcripts will be required before your interview date.)
 4. Three letters of reference as follows:
 - A. A letter from your training program director or advisor, describing your training, experience, overall performance, and anticipated completion date.
 - B. Letters from two current or recent supervisors familiar with your clinical work.
 5. Federal Form: Declaration for Federal Employment:
http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf
 6. Federal Form: Application for Health Professions Trainees:
<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>

Applications must be submitted electronically to James.Jones326182@va.gov with the subject “PSR Fellowship Application”. All parts of the application, with the exception of letters of recommendation, should be submitted as an attachment in one pdf file. Letters of reference can be emailed directly to the same address.

Applications are accepted until all positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. Interviews will take place early in the calendar year. Applications received by January 2nd, 2015, will be given priority.

For more information about the program, contact:

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