



VISN 2 Center for Integrated Healthcare VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness

Applications are Currently Being Accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the VISN 2 Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH) Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship which is housed at Buffalo VA Medical Center, VA Western NY Healthcare System (VAWNYHCS). This is a two-year position commencing in the summer of 2011. Programmatic emphasis is on research and clinical training experience in Integrated Primary Care and Geropsychology. The Fellow's distribution of effort will be 75% research and 25% clinical.

The mission of the VISN 2 CIH's Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship Program is to train psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers in the high priority area of mental health care for Veterans, specifically in the area of Integrated Primary Care. The clinical and research focus of the VISN 2 CIH is to improve the health of veterans by supporting the implementation of empirically-based methods of Integrated Primary Care. VISN 2 is the first VISN in the VA to ensure that a Behavioral Health Provider is assigned to every primary care clinic in the network. Numerous research opportunities are available.

Postdoctoral fellows will work collaboratively with CIH mentors on research related to brief mental health interventions and assessment suited to the primary care setting. These include but are not limited to novel approaches to population-based mental health care related to depression in older adults, dementia, pain, PTSD and substance use disorders. The fellows will also receive didactics and supervised experience in direct clinical service in the integrated primary care setting as well as in Geriatric Evaluation and Management Clinic.

Additionally, fellows will be provided with national didactic training opportunities. Information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Illness, Education, and Clinical Centers Fellowship Program can be found at: <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/>

Prospective Fellows, in addition to having completed an APA-accredited pre-doctoral psychology internship, must have their degree (PhD or PsyD) from an APA-accredited graduate program.

Start Date: Approximately July 1, 2011

Number of Post-Doctoral Positions: 2

Stipend: \$ \$43,283

Benefits: Health Insurance, 13 days paid vacation and up to 13 days of sick leave

Length of program: 24 months

Application Procedure:

To apply

Candidates should submit the following:

1. Detailed vita describing background training and experience, description of internship, and other scholarly activity and research.
2. Three letters of recommendation. *Must be from previous supervisors.*
3. Official transcripts of your graduate work sent directly by your university.
4. Writing Samples. *Please send a **scholarly work sample and clinical case report***
5. Cover Letter/Letter of Intent: The letter should clearly describe how your career goals and interests are aligned with the fellowship training opportunities.

**** Due to the open ended nature of the recruiting and selection process for this position, applicants are encouraged to email the materials (if possible) directly to randy.allen@va.gov, the Center for Integrated Healthcare Training Specialist. Unofficial Transcripts and e-mailed letters are acceptable until official transcripts and signed letters arrive.

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