



Colorado State University

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

School of Social Work

HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training (BHWET) for General Integrative Care – Phase II

Stipend Program Application Form Academic Year 2020-2021

Applications Due: by 5pm on Friday April 3, 2020

Metropolitan State University of Denver and Colorado State University are pleased to participate in the HRSA BHWET General Integrative Care Stipend Program. Through federal funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), we are able to offer a limited number of stipends to graduate students committed to serving vulnerable populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas.

The HRSA BHWET Stipend Program is designed to invest in the education of students to develop and expand mental and behavioral health workforce in Colorado. For the 2020-21 academic year, any student, who believes their field placement experience meets the criteria listed below to apply. Please read the HRSA BHWET Stipend Program contract details and information.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Students must meet the following requirements to apply for the 2020-2021 HRSA BHWET Stipend Program:

1. Current MSW Foundation students or Advanced Standing applicants who **will enter their Concentration or Final Year and Placement** of the MSW program in the 2020-21 academic year and are in good academic standing.
2. Students completing their final field placement in a **HRSA-eligible agency**, which must include:
 - a. A focus on **clinical work** and/or **direct services** with populations across lifespan, located in rural and/or medically underserved areas; AND
 - b. **Interprofessional learning experiences** (learning experiences among a group of two or more professions/disciplines).

While not required, preference will be given to applicants whose field placement includes any of the following:

- Integrated care settings;
- Mental and behavioral health settings
- Problem solving courts;
- Serves multilingual and multicultural populations;
- Offers prevention, intervention and/or treatment for populations at-risk for engaging in harmful behaviors, including violence;
- Includes interventions involving families.

Awardee Obligations:

Applicants who are offered and accept a seat in the HRSA General Stipend Program must:

- Successfully complete all required MSW coursework
- Successfully complete the required field placement at a HRSA-eligible agency
- Attend and participate in the HRSA General Integrative Care Program's monthly, interprofessional training seminar program.
 - ↳ Seminars may be 'hybrid', which includes both on-campus and online components. The monthly seminars are **NOT** for course credit and are **REQUIRED**.
- Agree to fulfill the post-graduation employment commitment with the following guidelines:
 - ↳ Employment in **Colorado** at a **HRSA-eligible** agency,
 - ↳ For **12-months** (one year), at **full-time** (or two positions at part-time)
 - ↳ Serving populations across lifespan, in rural and/or medically underserved areas period.
- *MSU Denver students must enroll in a HRSA-designated section of the Field Experience course

Stipend Awards:

Stipend awards are in the amount of \$10,000. In all cases, stipends will only be available as long as grant funds are available. An award may be cancelled in its entirety or funds may be partially distributed with subsequent payments being cancelled if grant funds are withdrawn. Submission of the application packet does not guarantee acceptance to the HRSA General Program, nor the receipt of stipend funds.

HRSA-Eligible Field Placement Agency Information:

Awarded applicants must complete their field placement at a HRSA-eligible agency and submit the Agency Verification Form to confirm agency eligibility prior to receiving stipend funds.

Please review and familiarize yourself with the agency requirements for HRSA eligibility so you can identify HRSA-eligible placement agencies and discuss appropriate learning activities with prospective placements.

Agency HRSA eligibility requirements are listed on page one of this Application Form.

HRSA-Eligibility Tips

Any placement or intern role that lacks regular clinical work and/or direct services with clients OR does not offer interprofessional learning experiences with two or more professions or disciplines, is not HRSA-eligible.

Macro agencies or intern roles are not eligible. Ineligible examples include, but are not limited to: policy research, development, advocacy, or lobbying; program administration, assessment, evaluation, or development; research; case management; administrative-level school social work; training or education.

Application Instructions:

Complete and submit the electronic [HRSA General Program Application](#) by **5pm on April 3rd, 2020:**

- **Cover Letter** – (1.5pg max) a brief statement explaining your interest in the stipend program; a summary of experiences and strengths you bring to the behavioral health field, specifically in working with vulnerable populations across lifespan, located in rural and/or medically underserved areas; and a brief statement of anything else you would like the HRSA Committee to consider;
- **Resume** – (1-2pg) UPDATED and including educational and work/volunteer experience;
- **Essay Questions** – Please **TYPE** your responses to each of the essay questions on a separate document and attach it to your online application. Your responses are expected to be clear and thorough, yet concise.
- **TWO Recommendations** – Letters of recommendation can be submitted directly from the reference to Guadalupe “Lupe” Vargas, HRSA Grant Coordinator at gvargas7@msudenver.edu. One of your letters **MUST** be from a faculty member in your current graduate MSW program. Use the recommendation forms provided.
 - **Advanced Standing Students:** If you are starting your final field placement in Fall 2020, you are eligible, and your recommendation letters will come from your BSW faculty.
- **Agency Verification Letter (if confirmed)** – checklist to be completed by the field placement agency upon confirmation of a final placement. Please use the specific form provided.
 - Students who do not have their field placement confirmed at the time of the application must complete the Agency Verification form upon field placement confirmation and prior to receiving stipend funds. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the Agency Verification form is completed.

HRSA Scholar Selection Process:

Only complete application packets will be reviewed by the HRSA Scholar Selection Committee. If necessary, applicants may be contacted for a pre-interview, either in-person or by phone.

All applicants will be notified of their application status **via email**.

Only selected candidates will be invited to complete an on-campus interview with the HRSA Scholar Selection Committee.

Interviews will be scheduled April 20th – 24th

Interviews will last approximately 15-20 minutes per candidate. If selected to advance to the interview phase, you will be contacted, via email, by the MSU Denver Social Work Grant Services Office to schedule your interview.

Please complete ALL sections listed in the Application Instructions on the previous page
by 5pm on Friday, April 3, 2020

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Student ID#

Cell Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Preferred Email: _____ University Email: _____

*If preferred is different from University email, please provide both

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Do you have legal status for employment in the USA per 8 U.S.C §1324a? Yes No

Are you in good academic standing in the MSW Program? Yes No

Enrollment status for the 2020-21 academic year:

____ Full-time Concentration Year Student *or* _Part-time Concentration Year Student (in final year of program)

____ Full-time Advanced Standing Student *or* _Part-time Advanced Standing Student (in final year of program)

II. FIELD PLACEMENT AGENCY INFORMATION (if confirmed)

Agency: _____

Program: _____

Address: _____

Field Instructor Name: _____

Field Instructor Email: _____ Field Instructor Phone: _____

Task Supervisor Name: _____

Task Supervisor Email: _____ Task Supervisor Phone: _____

Briefly describe the services that your agency provides and the population your agency serves:

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS - Please **TYPE** your responses to each of the following questions on a separate document and attach it to your online application.

1. Describe your specific learning goals with regard to your experiences in your field placement.
What learning activities or experiences will prepare you for your work after you complete your degree?
What would be your ideal job after you graduate?
2. Does your anticipated field placement include an integrated primary care setting (behavioral Health and Medical care provided at the same location or within the same organization)? As an intern, how would your learning experiences involve the integrated setting?
3. How do you see the role of integrated primary care settings impacting the behavioral health field?
4. Describe your experience of working with interprofessional and/or integrated teams.
What have you learned about working on interprofessional or integrated teams?
What do you hope to learn?
5. Please tell us about your experiences and approaches to working with diverse (multicultural, multilingual, rural, and marginalized) populations.
6. Why do you wish to pursue a career in the field of behavioral health? What contribution do you feel you can make to the field?
7. What further education or training would you like to best help prepare you to enter the field of behavioral health?
8. Describe any experiences you have with providing prevention and/or intervention services and treatment for those at risk of engaging in harmful behaviors, including violence.
In your anticipated placement agency, what learning experiences do you anticipate being involved with that focus in this area?
9. To what extent has your previous intervention work involved families? How is family involvement characterized in your anticipated field placement? Please be specific.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- **Resume** – (1-2pg) UPDATED and including educational and work/volunteer experience;
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Application must be submitted online by **5pm on Friday, April 5, 2020.**
[Click here](#) to access the application.

Questions? Please contact
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