



**HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training
Paraprofessional Funding Application
Academic Year 2020-2021**

Through federal funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Departments of Social Work and Human Services and Counseling at MSU Denver are able to offer a limited number of financial awards to undergraduate and certificate-seeking students, who are committed to working with substance use/dependency, and/or high-risk youth in rural and medically underserved Colorado communities. The HRSA BHWET Paraprofessional Program is designed to invest in education and community to develop and expand the Colorado substance abuse and mental health workforce.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, any student, who believes that their academic path meets the criteria listed below, is welcome to apply. *Please carefully review the details below for complete application requirements and student obligations.*

I. WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Students or individuals who meet requirements from **A and B** are eligible to apply for the HRSA BHWET Paraprofessional Funding Program for the 2020-2021 academic year:

- A.** Current MSU Denver undergraduate or non-degree students who are seeking a **certificate** in **Addiction Studies (CAC I or II)** or **High Risk Youth** from the Department of Human Services and Counseling.
- B.** Undergraduate Students who have **completed a minimum of 60 credit hours** (junior or senior) and are currently in good academic standing.

OR

- B.** Non-degree seeking students who will complete all required certificate coursework **within 12-months of receiving the funding.**

II. STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Students who are selected and choose to accept the HRSA Funding must:

- Successfully complete all required undergraduate or certificate coursework and program requirements.
- **Commit to working in Colorado** within the **corresponding field of focus** (Addictions or High Risk Youth) for a period of time equivalent to **6 months** post-graduation/completion.
 - Employment must be secured within 12 months of graduation/completion and verified with MSU Denver HRSA staff once obtained.
 - Regular contact with MSU Staff is expected until the 6-month employment requirement is completed and the terms of the funding contract have been fully met.

Failure to complete the 6-month post-grad employment, or any other obligation mentioned in the contract will require the student to return, or payback all award funds received.

III. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support up to \$3,000 is available to each recipient. Funds may be dispersed over 12 months for full-time students, and over 24 months for part-time students. All HRSA Paraprofessional funds will be initially released to the Office of Financial Aid, then applied to the MSU accounts of individual recipients.

In all cases, financial awards will be granted to selected applicants on a first come, first serve basis, and will only be available as long as grant funds are available. An award may be canceled in its entirety, or funds may be partially distributed with subsequent payments being canceled if grant funds are withdrawn, or if contract obligations are violated. Completion of the application and/or submission of letters of recommendation do not guarantee funds being awarded.

IV. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application packets must include all of the following:

- **Application Form:** Included at the end of this document.
- **Resume:** 1-2pgs and UPDATED (including educational and work/volunteer experience)
- **Cover Letter:** 250 words approx., explaining the reason for your interest in the HRSA program, with a focus on your specific interest in your chosen degree/program and/or field of work (Addiction Studies or High Risk Youth).

Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Only completed application packets will be reviewed for acceptance. Awardees will be selected based on the quality of the entire application packet. Applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance status.

Please ensure to complete ALL sections listed and **submit all materials together** to:
HRSA Grant Coordinator, Guadalupe "Lupe" Vargas, MSW

Email:
gvargas7@msudenver.edu

Drop off:
Department of Social Work Main
Office Central Classroom, CN 201

Mail:
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Guadalupe Vargas, HRSA Grant Coordinator
Department of Social Work
PO Box 173362, Campus Box 70
Denver, CO 80217-3362

By signing below, you affirm that you have read and understood of all the above application requirements.

Signature of Applicant

Date

'Good Academic Standing' is determined by the same guidelines held by the Office of Financial Aid. If you are unsure of your current status please visit the [Office of Financial Aid website](#), or contact the office at (303) 556-8593.

HRSA ParaPro Stipend Application & Mandatory HRSA Reporting Data

The Federal HRSA BHWET ParaProfessional Grant requires MSU Denver must annually collect and report detailed information about the grant operations; including information about students who apply or receive the federal awards. **This information is used for reporting purposes only.** When reported, all identifying information is removed.

Please complete the Recipient Profile below:

HRSA PARAPRO STIPEND APPLICANT PROFILE			
CONTACT INFORMATION			
Interested Qualified Site: <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Human Services and Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Denver C.A.R.E.S			
Name:			
Date of birth:	900# (if applicable):	Phone:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
School Email:		Personal Email:	
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION			
Ethnicity:			
Race:		Hispanic Origin?: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Languages Spoken:			
Gender:		Veteran?: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Pell Grant Recipient or Eligible?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <small>(The Pell Grant is a Federal Grant for undergrads. Eligibility determined by FAFSA)</small>		1st Generation Student?: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
EDUCATION INFORMATION			
Certificate Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction Studies (CAC I or II)		<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk Youth	
Enrollment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time		<input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergrad		<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Degree Seeking (Certificate Only)		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Degree Seeking (Certificate Only)	
In Good Academic Standing?: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Grade Level / Program Year:	
Cumulative GPA:		Est. Graduation/Completion Date (mm/yy):	
To which semester would you like the funding applied?: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 20____ <input type="checkbox"/> Spring____ <input type="checkbox"/> Summer 20____ <small>(Must be within 12-months of your est. graduation/completion date)</small>			

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The certificate programs require students to obtain supervised clinical experience and/or internship. If you are actively working towards your required hours in an internship, have secured an internship for a future semester, or have recently completed your hours in an internship, please provide the agency and internship information below.

HRSA PARAPRO STIPEND RECIPIENT PROFILE		
INTERNSHIP INFORMATION		
Employment Range	Start Date:	End Date:
Agency Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Geographical Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural		
Are there any other interns at the agency (do not include fellow HRSA awardees)?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Primary Professional Discipline (i.e. mental health center, homeless shelter, etc):		
Services Offered (i.e. addictions counseling, family therapy, health care, etc):		
Population(s) Served:		
Known Collaborative Relationships across agencies (i.e. partnership with Empowerment Program, or MHCD, etc.):		