



Frequently asked questions

What is the BHWET Program?

BHWET is the University of Missouri Collaborative Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training for Professionals Program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the federal government.

What is the Program's purpose?

The program is designed to increase the behavioral health workforce in rural and urban settings with clients across the life span who are at-risk for developing or who have a recognized behavioral health disorder. To accomplish this goal, the program will recruit 120 MSW students who are dedicated to working with vulnerable and underserved clients in integrated behavioral health settings.

Who is eligible to apply?

MSW concentration level students interested in future careers working in integrated health settings. Students must meet the academic and course requirements to begin the concentration practicum.

How do I apply?

Plan to attend the concentration practicum planning meeting the semester prior to beginning the concentration practicum. Notices of the meeting date will be sent out at least one month in advance on Canvas. After attending the meeting complete the practicum application form, AND complete the BHWET application located on the Canvas MSW Information Site. The application will contain additional instructions.

What benefits will I receive from participation?

- \$10,000 stipend for two semester 600 hour commitment
- Specialized training in integrated behavioral health
- Opportunities for professional networking Access to a behavioral health career services network

What is my commitment?

Students selected as BWHET Scholars agree to:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to public service, community collaboration, and leadership in working with populations across the life span, including rural and medically underserved areas.
- Complete a concentration level practicum/final field practicum in an approved integrated care site providing behavioral health services.
- Register for and participate in a 1 credit hour concentration field seminar each semester.
- Participate in additional trainings and networking opportunities and career development activities.
- Seek employment after graduation working in behavioral health with populations across the life span, including rural and medically underserved areas.

How do BHWET Scholars select practicum sites?

As with any practicum experience at UMSL students engage in a structured self-selection process. When interviewing with potential practicum sites, keep in mind that the organization needs to provide the following experiences in order to host a BHWET scholar.

The organization must provide:

- Behavioral health services, preferably with medically underserved and/or rural populations;
- Opportunities for the student to work with integrated behavioral health teams (e.g., physicians, nurses, counselors, psychiatrists, behavioral therapists);
- Opportunities for linkages to primary care settings and inter-professional learning experiences;
- Incorporation of families (as feasible) into the prevention and treatment of behavioral health conditions.

Students can inquire at the practicum site interview about whether or not these opportunities might be available. Once a student selects a potential site a member of the BHWET committee will call the organization and confirm that it can provide these experiences. All sites and supervisors must be approved by the Office of Field Education.

What practicum sites have agreed to host BHWET scholars?

BJC Behavioral Health

Contact: Mary Louise Kimmel, LCSW
(314) 206-3854
mlk6830@bjc.org

Adapt of Missouri

Contact: Liz Buerck
1-888-657-3201 x7004
LizBuerck@adapt.us

Preferred Family Healthcare

Contact: Gina Titone, LCSW
314-475-3005

Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Centers, Inc.

Contact: Regina Askew, MA, MPH
(314) 367-5820
raskew@mhdchc.org

Family Care Health Centers

Contact: April Jones, MSW
(314) 353-5190 ext. 3300
AJones@fchcstl.org

Great Circle

Contact: Carrie Bolm, LCSW
573-442-8331
Carrie.Bolm@GreatCircle.org

Crider Center - Compass Health, Inc.

Contact: Mallory Benoist

636-887-3936

mbenoist@cridercenter.org

Places for People

Contact: Jen May

314-535-5600 ext.: 211

jmay@placesforpeople.org

SSM Behavioral Health-DePaul Hospital

Contact: Brea Strong LMSW MBA

314.344.6154

brea_strong@ssmhc.com

Alternative Behavioral Care

Contact: Erin Steingrubby Huddleston, LCSW

(636) 477-6111

erin@alternativebehavioralcare.com

The Aviary

Contact: Anne Marie Lynch, LCSW

314-456-9277

amlynch@aviaryrc.com

Jennings High School Health Clinic

Chardial "Chay" Samuel, LCSW

(314) 653-8141

Samuel_C@kids.wustl.edu

Epworth Family and Children's Services

Contact: Aaron Daugherty

314-918-3352

adaugherty@epworth.org

Behavioral Health Response

Contact: Mandy Bowlin, LCSW

314-469-1500

mbowlin@bhrworldwide.com

Bridgeway Behavioral Health

Contact: Louis Appelman, MSW

314-332-7486

louis.socialworker@yahoo.com

This is not an exhaustive list. Students are welcome to explore other sites as well. Any site that can provide the opportunities mentioned above and meets the School's criteria for site and supervisor approval will be considered. **Please refrain from contacting potential practicum sites until your practicum application has been approved by our UMSL faculty advisor. Please begin the process by sending a cover letter and resume to the designated contact person. Follow up with a phone call if you do not receive a response within a week.**

How are selections made? When will I be notified?

Scholar selection is a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed by the BHWET Scholars Committee promptly after the application deadline. Applicants will be notified regarding selection sometime prior to the semester in which they plan to complete the concentration practicum.

Questions? Call or e-mail a member of the BWHET Committee. Professors Sharon Johnson, Patti Rosenthal, and Sha Lai Williams.