



Integrated Health Scholars

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.

Integrated Behavioral Health Practice Settings

Integrated behavioral health care is a rapidly emerging shift in the practice of high-quality health care, sometimes called "behavioral health integration," "integrated care," "collaborative care," or "primary care behavioral health."

This model uses an integrated team approach to increase communication, coordination and collaboration between and among providers with the goal of improved overall health for the person served.

Who is eligible to apply?

MSW concentration level students interested in future careers working in integrated health settings are invited to apply to become an Integrated Behavioral Health Scholar. Students must meet the academic and course requirements to begin the concentration practicum.

Program Benefits

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

Program Requirements

- Full Specialization Practicum commitment (6800 & 6950)
- 20 dedicated daytime hours per week commitment (Mon - Fri)
- Practicum setting that provides BH services with an integrated team, preferably for medically underserved and/or rural populations
- Commitment to training and networking activities
- Completion of application process and commitment letter upon acceptance into the BHWET Program

What practicum sites have agreed to host BHWET scholars for the Supplement Award?

Please see the Integrated Behavioral Health webpage for a dynamic list of BHWET approved sites. 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?

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.

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