

FIU Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training Program for Professionals (BHWET-Pro) Fellowship

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FIU's BHWET-Pro Overview

HRSA Awarded FIU a 4-year grant (2021-2025) to:

1. Train **behavioral health clinicians** in:

- integrated behavioral health-primary care,
- inter-professional approach to patient care, and
- social determinants of health

such that they can best treat people who are underserved, uninsured, economically disadvantaged and have chronic health conditions.

2. Enhance retention of behavioral health clinicians in integrated behavioral-health primary care sites that treat underserved populations and communities.

FIU's BHWET-Pro Objectives

Program participants will:

- serve medically underrepresented, vulnerable, and culturally diverse populations and communities in South Florida,
- learn inter-professional and integrated behavioral health-primary care approaches to patient care, and
- gain understanding of social determinants of health in patient care.

Participant Eligibility

Master students in final year of training in:

- Social Work
- Professional Counseling (Department of Psychology, College of Arts, Sciences & Education- CASE)
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling (School of Education- CASE)

Reasons to Apply

- \$10,000 stipend and one-semester tuition waiver (up to 12 credits)
- Practicum opportunities at:
 - Banyan Health Systems
 - Carrfour Supportive Housing
 - Citrus Health Network, Inc.
 - Community Health of South Florida (CHI)
 - FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine NeighborhoodHELP™
 - New Horizons CMHC
 - The Village South, Inc.
- Certificate in Inter-professional and Integrated Behavioral Health Primary Care
- Post-masters career mentoring, tracking and/or networking

Learning & Evaluation Provided

- Practicum opportunities
- Scheduled lectures, simulation, self-learning activities
- Continuing education training seminars
- Individual guidance to participants
- Ongoing feedback
- Pass/fail grades

Course Format

1. This is a fully live online course. There will be online modules to complete by the assigned due date.

Live Sessions:

- are held on Fridays,
- typically from 8:30 am - 10:30 am (schedule is subject to change; please always check Canvas), and
- fellows are responsible for notifying their field supervisors in advance when live sessions are scheduled.

*The Program Directors from your master's program can answer any questions concerning whether the FIU BHWET-Pro program hours will count towards your internship/practicum hours.

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Financials

*Fellows must be enrolled in the course for both semesters to receive the tuition waiver and stipend.

**Tuition waiver and stipend disbursement may vary based on program timelines.

Tuition Waiver

1. One-semester tuition waiver (up to 12 credits) will be applied to the fellows' FIU account.
 - o The tuition waiver does not cover any fees including per credit hour fees and per semester fees (athletics, student health services, transportation access/parking).
 - o The fellow will be responsible for any additional credits that they are enrolled in as well as per credit hour fees and per semester fees (athletics, student health services, transportation access/parking).
 - o Any remaining balances must be paid off in a timely manner during the corresponding semester.

Stipend

1. A \$10,000 stipend will be awarded to each fellow.
 - o The stipend will not be automatically applied to pay for any academic balances. (The stipend is not restricted to use for academic balances.)

How to Join FIU's BHWET-Pro

STEP 1: Express interest to your Program Director.

- Mary Helen Hayden, E.D., MSW or Jennifer Abeloff, MSW, MS - Master of Social Work
- Kristin Nichols-Lopez, Ph.D., MS - Professional Counseling
- Valerie E. D. Russell, Ph.D., CRC, LMHC, NCC - Counselor Education

STEP 2: Write a one-page personal statement of interest.

STEP 3: Participate in a live interview, if applicable, with designated program official.

STEP 4: Applicants will be notified of the selection to the fellowship by their respective Program Director.

FIU's BHWET-Pro Fellowship Team



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