

## **HRSA-Funded Positions**

In September 2017, the Denver Health Doctoral Psychology Internship was awarded a four-year grant through the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program. This grant provides funding for six additional psychology interns for the next four years, starting with the current APPIC application cycle. Similar to Denver Health's other psychology interns, HRSA-funded interns will receive comprehensive clinical and didactic training across a spectrum of settings, including outpatient behavioral health, integrated care, and acute care. The new area of focus is help for adults and their children who are adversely affected by the opiate epidemic. Four of the six project interns and their supervising psychologists will focus on work with adults and will contribute through evidence-based treatments for co-occurring mental health disorders. Two project interns and their supervisors will provide much needed evidence-based psychological services for dependent children of these afflicted adults, providing child and adolescent psychotherapy, as well as parent management training to promote healthy child development.

This is an exciting opportunity to develop and apply assessment and intervention protocols for a population that currently has very limited access to psychotherapeutic services. The HRSA-funded interns will participate in quality improvement and/or research initiatives related to this expansion of services to a high-need population that represents a critical national health care imperative. The core curriculum, expected experiences during the internship year, goals, mandatory minimum expectations, and the formal and summative assessment methodology will be the same for the HRSA-funded interns as for the non-HRSA positions. Please see these sections of the brochure for detailed information.

Compensation for these HRSA-funded internship positions is \$28,352.00 per year. HRSA psychology interns are also budgeted for \$1,000.00 for conference and travel expenses (unlike our other internship positions). However, since compensation for these positions is provided by stipend rather than salary (per grant requirements), they are not eligible for employee benefits.

Once matched at our site, HRSA-funded interns will be required to sign an Internship Confirmation and Acceptance form (modified from the standard form that has been used by the internship program for several years) by which the intern attests to their commitment to work with vulnerable and underserved persons after graduation.

**In order to be considered, applications must be completed via the APPIC submission portal by Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Applicants should apply to one Denver Health internship track (as was indicated in the brochure instructions).**

Application requirements and preferences are the same as is indicated in the Denver Health brochure, with an additional preference for these positions being given to applicants with prior experience with populations with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, or (for the child and family track) with children from these families.

**Per HRSA Policy: Students receiving a stipend in the BHWET Program must be a citizen of the United States, a noncitizen national of the United States, or a foreign national who possesses a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible to participate.**

**HRSA Adult Track (four positions)**

**NMS, Inc. Program Code Number: 117312**

Adult patients seen for substance abuse treatment at the Outpatient Behavioral Health Services (OBHS) clinic have very high rates of co-occurring mental health disorders, often associated with high rates of violence and multiple traumatic events. Interns with the **Adults in Recovering Families Track** will focus on the application of assessment and clinical interventions with the strongest empirical support to treat a wide array of presentations, with an emphasis on co-occurring substance abuse and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Interns may provide conjoint or group therapy, but individual treatment constitutes the bulk of the clinical work. Many patients are engaged in medication assisted treatment through the Methadone and Suboxone program at OBHS, which allows the interns in this track the ability to work closely with multidisciplinary teams including primary care, psychiatry, nursing, counseling, and social work. Additional competencies will also be attained in assessment and brief intervention of patients with co-occurring disorders in acute care settings, such as the Psychiatric Emergency Service and the Consult Liaison Psychiatry Service.

**HRSA Child and Family Track (Two positions)**

**NMS, Inc. Program Code Number: 117315**

Interns on the **Kids in Recovering Families Track** will provide assessment and psychotherapy for the children and adolescents of adults enrolled in substance use disorders treatment at Outpatient Behavioral Health Services. Parents may receive treatment with the Opioid Medication-Assisted Treatment or the non-opiate Substance Use Disorders team. Many parents are also engaged in treatment with the Women and Family Services team. Interns and supervisors will provide behavioral and parent management therapy, as well as child and family skills training for younger children. Teenagers will be provided with individual or family psychotherapy as is appropriate for the clinical presentation. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, as well as other evidence-based and empirically supported treatments, will be taught and practiced by interns.

As with the non-HRSA Child and Adolescent Psychology track positions, the Kids in Recovering Families positions will have clinical rotations on the Inpatient Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, the Psychiatric Emergency Service, and in Integrated Care at either the Pediatric Primary Care Clinic or in one of the school-based Denver Health medical clinics.