Denver Health Integrated Behavioral Health Training Announcement
Graduate Doctoral Programs
2027-2028 Academic Year

Overview: Denver Health is a vertically integrated community hospital system offering preventative, primary care, and acute services regardless of ability to pay. There are eleven federally qualified community health clinics throughout the city of Denver with behavioral health services as an integral part of the treatment team. Presenting concerns include a wide range of medical and behavioral health diagnoses including diabetes, sleep disorders, chronic pain, substance use disorders, depression, anxiety, PTSD, grief, and other psychiatric conditions. Cases are multifaceted, clinically challenging, and require a collaborative care team approach. Integrated Behavioral Health care providers are licensed professionals from disciplines including social work, substance treatment counseling, professional counseling, and psychology.

Externship Duties: In a primary care/medical clinic, externs will learn about and provide behavioral health consultation in the context of patients' medical appointments and brief follow-up therapy services. Opportunities may include brief diagnostic evaluations, evidenced-based interventions, substance use assessments, and other brief therapy modalities. Denver Health serves a diverse range of patients, and each clinic has unique training opportunities. Clinic hours are generally 8am-5pm or 8:30am-5:30pm (clinic dependent). Available training tracks will be announced closer to recruitment season.

Requirements:

1) Externs will be on site at Denver Health on **Wednesday afternoons** for group supervision and didactics as much as possible with coursework schedule. Additional training days will be scheduled in coordination with the site supervisor and training director.
2) This externship is open to advanced doctoral students (MA degree + first year in doctoral program or 3rd/4th year doctoral students without MA degree) from programs with active Learning Agreements with Denver Health (.
3) Appointment is **contingent upon successful completion of a background check**, completed at the applicant's expense.
4) Externs are responsible for all **required immunizations** for work in a medical setting at Denver Health, including TB testing within the past year, MMR, influenza, Hepatitis B, Tdap, and Varicella. Additional costs may include background check fees and mileage associated with travel for training within the Denver Health system.
5) The externship **follows the academic calendar**. Externs are expected to maintain clinical involvement during winter break and may be required to complete **hours beyond minimum program requirements** to support continuity of care.

Application Process / Instructions:
Applications Due: Monday, February 2, 2027
Please submit by email to Joseph.Jerez@dhha.org the following:

1) a cover letter indicating which position you are interested in, why you are interested in the specific position, and how you are a fit for the position, +
2) an up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume

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