

Applicant Qualifications

- U.S Citizens
- Graduate of Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) accredited psychiatric nurse practitioner programs.
- Recent graduate within the past 12 months.
- Hold a Master's degree or Doctorate and be licensed, nationally board certified through the ANCC and credential as a nurse practitioner with a specialty in Psychiatric-Mental Health.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- Background & Security Investigation required.
- Pass pre-trainee physical examination.
- Random Drug Testing required

Application Requirements

- Curriculum vitae
- Official graduate school transcripts in a sealed envelop.
- Personal Statement: What personal, professional, educational and clinical experiences have led you to choose nursing as a profession, and the role of a mental health nurse practitioner as a specialty practice? What are your aspirations for a Residency program? Please comment upon your vision and planning for your short and long-term career development. Maximum: two (2) pages
- Three (3) letters of recommendation: (one must be from faculty member or graduate program); in sealed envelopes or emailed directly from the individual writing the letter.

Benefits

- Competitive Stipend
- A comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, and health benefits .

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Accepting applications now through **MARCH 05, 2021**

RESIDENCY START DATE: JULY 2021

Submit completed application requirements to:

Nurse Recruiter
VA Boston Healthcare System
940 Belmont Street (118)
Brockton, MA 02301

or
FAX: 774-826-1115

or

E-mail: BostonVANurse@va.gov and
CC: sherley.belizaire@va.gov

Any questions please contact:

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**NURSE
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PROGRAM -
MENTAL HEALTH**

2021-2022

Nurse Practitioner Residency Program—Mental Health

The Nurse Practitioner Residency Program—Mental Health (NPRP– MH) is partnered with the Boston College William F. Connell School of Nursing. The VA Boston Healthcare System (BHS) and William F. Connell School of Nursing support evidence-based nursing education, research, and practice. Together, we foster a supportive learning environment for academic, professional, and personal success.

The NPRP– MH is a 12-month program designed to provide clinical and academic experiences for new graduate Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) transitioning into the professional role of PMHNP.

Mission Statement

To provide a comprehensive educational opportunity through didactic and clinical components to enhance the training of the new nurse practitioners in the care of veterans for a successful transition from novice to competent, confident, and independent psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners.

The NPRP– MH program prepares nurse practitioners for professional leadership, education, and research in practice.



About VA BHS

The VA Boston Healthcare System (VA BHS) is the largest consolidated tertiary care center for the VA New England Healthcare System Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN). It encompasses three main campuses (Brockton, Jamaica Plain, and West Roxbury) and five community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) within a 40-mile radius of greater Boston.

The VA BHS has academic affiliations with Boston College School of Nursing, Harvard Medical School, and numerous other institutions. As a teaching facility, the VA BHS provides a full range of inpatient, residential, vocational and outpatient services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research.

The VA BHS provide the critical foundation upon which trainees build their expertise in mental health during their first transitional year into professional practice.

Program Structure

- This is a 12-month residency.
- Clinical rotations are supplemented with didactic sessions, Grand Rounds, Journal Club and other learning experiences.
- The program includes integrated didactic sessions weekly with the Harvard South Shore Residency Training Program.
- Clinical Rotations: Inpatient Psychiatry; Outpatient Psychiatry; Addiction Psychiatry; Psychiatric Emergency; Neurology; and Geropsychiatry.
- Residents are assigned a mentor to act as a resource and provide support as they transition to autonomous and competent psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners.
- Upon successful completion of the residency, a certificate of completion is awarded.
- Candidates who successfully complete the residency training program will be given the opportunity to apply to available vacancies at the VA BHS.



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