

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The HRSA Scholarship Program is designed to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas. The HRSA Scholarship will provide financial stipends for *up to* 28 advanced level MSW students each year (2017-2021) who are placed in field internships that practice integrated, behavioral healthcare services to traditionally underserved, diverse clients and in rural and/or medically underserved areas.

HRSA scholarships provide stipends totaling \$10,000 (\$5,000 per semester) to offset graduate school tuition, fees, transportation and housing. Stipends will not interfere with student loans or other academic scholarships. **If you have a Graduate Assistantship** (within the School of Social Work or any University of Arkansas department) and/or another stipend in excess of \$5,000, **you are ineligible** to receive the HRSA scholarship.

Given the limited number of HRSA scholarships, **we are unable to allocate stipends and educational training and materials to all advanced level MSW students.** The HRSA Research Team in the School of Social Work will review student applications and allocate stipends for students and internships that best meet the intent of the HRSA Scholarship Program.

To be eligible for the HRSA Scholarship, students **are required** to engage in the following activities:

1. Attend **HRSA Fellowship Orientation** with HRSA Faculty Team in August
2. Participate in 3 Integrated Behavioral Health Skills Labs during the academic year. 1-2 of the Skills Labs will take place outside of regular class hours.
3. Complete pre- and post- Skills Lab surveys. The surveys are designed to measure integrated behavioral health knowledge and skill sets prior to and following the Skills Labs.
4. Submit capstone research project to present a poster session at their state's National Association of Social Workers annual conference.
5. Submit (a) proof from the state's NASW that HRSA Fellows submitted their capstone for presentation, and (b) receipt of registration to the annual NASW conference in your state. Please submit these documents in pdf format via email to Dr. Shobe (mshobe@uark.edu) by **January 1st** to receive \$500 in travel funds (to offset registration, food, transportation, and lodging) to attend your state's NASW conference.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS: Please complete the (1) Information below and (2) Integrated Behavioral Health Statement to apply for the HRSA Fellowship. Submit all materials electronically to Dr. Shobe (mshobe@uark.edu) by **June 30th**. Late applications will not be accepted.

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CURRENT MSW PROGRAM OVERALL GPA:

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A UA GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP? **Yes** **No**

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INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATEMENT

Provide a 2-3 page statement regarding your interest in integrated, behavioral health education and training. The statement must have one inch margins, be double-spaced and use a 12-point font. We will not review statements that are in a different format.

Please address the following questions and include the headers provided for your statement paper:

Integrated Behavioral Health Definition

1. In your own words, how do you define integrated behavioral health?
2. Why are you interested in pursuing integrated behavioral health education and training?
3. Please describe at least two examples of how integrated behavioral health fits with the NASW Code of Ethics.

Diversity & Inclusion

4. In your own words, how would you define *diversity* and *inclusion*?
5. In what ways does diversity *inform* inclusion and inclusion *inform* diversity?
6. In what ways does integrated behavioral health address the concepts of diversity and inclusion?
Please provide at least two examples.

Professional Career as an MSW-level Social Worker

7. What social work position do you wish to obtain after earning your MSW degree?
8. Please describe *in detail* how you might use your integrated behavioral health education and training in your future professional career as a social worker.