

**Workforce Development of Integrated Behavioral Health Practitioners to Serve Medically
Underserved and Rural Populations on the West Coast**

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Overview

This one-year stipend of \$10,000 is available to second year MSW students who graduate in the spring semester and who want to pursue a career in the field of integrated behavioral health. This stipend program is open to campus-based (UPC) and Virtual Academic Center (VAC) MSW students.

This initiative focuses on enhancing the education and inter-professional training of MSW students who are committed to providing improved integrated behavioral health services to vulnerable populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. The goal is to expose students to the best evidence-based, strengths based practice models in integrated behavioral health, and to provide students an understanding of recovery and its potential to transform behavioral health services.

Please keep in mind that this program relies on external federal funding every year.

Qualifications and Requirements

To qualify and remain eligible for this integrated behavioral health stipend, recipients must do the following:

1. Must be in last year of MSW program and be from the Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness (AMHW) or the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF).
2. Must secure a specific field placement that has been identified to be part this stipend program.
 - a. Please review second page of this document for a list of targeted field placements.
3. Must remain in qualified field placement for a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of twelve (12) months preceding graduation.
4. Complete and maintain satisfactory academic progress – meaning 3.0 or better GPA – and performance in courses, trainings, field placement, and any other requirements of this stipend program.
5. Must attend an orientation meeting during the summer in mid-August that is customized for both UPC and VAC students.
6. Must attend a trauma-informed training in early to mid-August that is customized for UPC and VAC students.
7. Must attend and adequately participate in bi-weekly 2-hour training sessions – total of 14 sessions during the fall of 2019 and spring 2019 – that are intended to enhance professional development in integrated behavioral health.
8. Must attend and adequately participate in inter-professional training sessions that are customized for UPC and VAC students.

9. Must complete specific coursework. In addition to core curriculum from own department, must complete two (2) of the following electives:
 - a. SOWK 612 Psychopathology and Diagnosis of Mental Disorder
 - b. SOWK 617 Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Behaviors and Recovery
 - c. SOWK 618 Systems of Recovery from Mental Illness in Adults
 - d. SOWK 657 Special Topic: Social Work Practice with Native American Children, Families and Communities: National Immersion to South Dakota
 - e. SOWK 659 Special Topic: Pathways to Immigration: Global Immersion to Mexico
 - f. SOWK 677 Mental Health Practice with Children and Adolescents
10. Dual degree students must be able to complete all stipend program requirements.
- 11. *Must be a citizen of the United States, a non-citizen national of the United States or a foreign national who possesses a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States.***
 - a. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible to participate.***

Please keep in mind that this is comprehensive but not exhaustive list of all qualifications and requirements of this stipend program.

Number of Stipends and Targeted Field Placements

There are 34 stipends available with a plan to award 19 to UPC students and the other 15 to students from the VAC. The following is a list of agencies **targeted** to offer the field placements eligible for the West Coast Project stipends:

UPC (19 stipends)

- Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles (3-5)
- Kaiser Permanente, Department of Outpatient Psychiatry, Sunset (2-4)
- Kedren Health (1-2)
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Harbor UCLA Adult and Child Outpatient, Psychiatric Clinics (1-2)
- Pacific Clinics (3-4)
- UCLA Simms/Mann Center for Integrative Oncology (1-2)
- Venice Family Clinics (2-3)

You must declare your interest in the West Coast Project stipend if you are able to secure an interview for one or more of the targeted agencies for UPC students.

VAC (15 stipends)

- Eligible agencies will be approved through the field placement process once a VAC student is identified meeting the following requirements:
 - Must graduate the spring of 2020.
 - Must complete field education (internship) the spring of 2020.
 - Must apply for this stipend program during Virtual Field Practicum (VFP) in the spring of 2019.

Stipend recipients are primarily selected by field placement agencies in coordination with faculty responsible for this program.

Please note that if you end up receiving this stipend award, your financial aid package will be impacted. A representative from the School's Scholarship Program Office (SPO) will meet with all awardees during a webinar over the summer of 2019 and at orientation in mid-August to discuss any financial aid questions that you may have related to the stipend.

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