

Nationwide Workforce Development of Integrated Behavioral Health Professionals to Meet the Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Transitional-Age Youth: Next Generation Partnership Project

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Overview

This one-year stipend of \$10,000 is available to second year MSW students who graduate in the spring (prioritized) or summer 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 workforce development 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, with an emphasis on children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth (CATAY). 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 the renewal of 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. Be enrolled in the last year of the MSW program.
2. Be enrolled in the Advanced Integrative Social Work program providing direct level practice serving adults or children or declare the Adult Mental Health and Wellness or Children, Youth, and Families track. Social Change and Innovation track is ineligible for the stipend program.
3. Be in a practicum setting that has been identified and **approved** to be part of this project to meet the goals of the funder.
 - a. A qualified practicum setting must offer integrated behavioral health experiences working with inter-professional/inter-disciplinary teams.
4. Remain in a qualified practicum setting for a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of twelve (12) months *preceding* graduation.
5. Complete and maintain good academic standing – meaning 3.0 or better GPA – and performance in courses, practicum seminar, training sessions, practicum, and any other requirements of this stipend program within one (1) academic year.
6. Attend a mandatory orientation meeting via a virtual platform during the end of summer prior to the start of the academic year.
7. Attend **virtually** and adequately participate in training sessions.
 - a. Stipend recipients must attend and participate in at least four (4) of five (5) training sessions each semester, in addition to a focus group at the end of spring semester.
8. The training sessions will be on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 12:50 pm.

9. Attend and participate in at least one (1) inter-professional training focused on integrated behavioral health of CATAY. More details at orientation and throughout the year.
10. Complete the following three (3) virtual trainings:
 - a. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
 - b. Trauma Informed Care (TIC)
 - c. Best Practices in Telebehavioral Health Services (TBH)
11. Receive training as part of the MSW program, depending on the student's course of study, in two (2) of the following four (4) treatment modalities:
 - a. Motivational Interviewing (MI)
 - b. Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT)
 - c. Problem Solving Therapy (PST)
 - d. Feedback Informed Treatment (FIT)
12. Complete one (1) of the following electives as part of their MSW program:
 - a. SOWK 612 Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
 - b. SOWK 615 Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention
 - c. SOWK 617 Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Disorders and Recovery
 - d. SOWK 620 Social Work Practice with Transitional Youth
 - e. SOWK 624 Social Work and Juvenile Justice Settings
 - f. SOWK 666 Domestic and Intimate Partner Abuse
 - g. SOWK 677 Mental Health Practice with Children and Adolescents

*Please note that the NGPP strictly adheres to the listed electives, and no substitutions will be accepted to remain in good standing in the stipend program. You are encouraged to enroll in an elective of your preference provided that at least one fulfills the NGPP elective requirement.
13. Attend and participate in a job fair to pursue employment at agencies providing integrated behavioral health services to youth.
14. Obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number for the purpose of collecting post-graduation employment data.
15. Dual degree students must be able to complete all stipend program requirements.
- 16. 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 a comprehensive but not exhaustive list of all qualifications and requirements of this stipend program.

Number of Stipends and Targeted Practicum Settings

There are 29 stipends available. The following is a list of agencies **targeted** – additional agencies are eligible – to offer practicum eligible for the Next Generation Partnership Project stipends:

UPC

- AltaMed
- Children's Hospital, Los Angeles
- Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles
- Learn4Life Charter Network
- Pacific Clinics
- US Vets
- USC Telehealth Clinic

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

VAC

- Eligible agencies will be approved through the practicum placement process once a VAC student is identified meeting the following requirements:
 - Must graduate the spring (prioritized) or summer of 2025.
 - Must complete practicum education (internship) the spring (prioritized) or summer of 2025
 - Must apply for this stipend program during the summer of 2024.

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

Please note that if you end up receiving this stipend award, your financial aid package might be impacted depending on your unique financial aid circumstances. Staff will meet with all awardees during a webinar over the summer and at orientation in mid-August to discuss any financial aid questions that you may have related to the stipend.

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