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Diversity Outreach

Committed to: Diversity of staff, research, mentorship, and thought.

VISN 19 MIRECC and Fellowship program strive to proactively recruit and meet the needs of applicants reflecting a full range of cultural and individual diversity.



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**VISN 19 MIRECC
Advanced Fellowship
Program in Mental Illness
Research & Treatment**



Veterans Integrated Service
Network (VISN) 19 Mental Illness
Research, Education, and Clinical
Center (MIRECC)
www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/fellowship/

MIRECC:

Mental Illness Research, Education & Clinical Centers

The Denver site of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 19 (VISN 19) Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) Fellowship is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) Commission of Accreditation (CoA), with the next site visit scheduled for 2020. As one of 23 sites for the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research & Treatment, the VISN 19 MIRECC Postdoctoral Fellowship program offers a unique, dynamic opportunity for professional and personal growth.

Funded by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations, our fellowship program is carried out within the setting of a large and diverse VA hospital, fulfilling the VISN 19 MIRECC's mission: to study suicide with the goal of reducing suicidal ideation and behaviors in the Veteran population. Toward this end, the work of the VISN 19 MIRECC is focused on promising clinical interventions, as well as the cognitive and neurobiological underpinnings of suicidal thoughts and behaviors that may lead to innovative prevention strategies.

How To Apply

Required:

1. A signed letter of interest that includes your career goals, how these align with the mission of the VISN 19 MIRECC, what clinical skills you would like to further hone during fellowship, and an overview of a research project to be carried out during fellowship. This overview could include research aims/hypotheses, clinical significance to the Veteran population, and potential methodology.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae
3. A signed letter of completion or expected completion from academic and internship/residency programs
4. Three signed letters of recommendation
5. A sample de-identified assessment report with a neuropsychological component (* please see website for further instructions on de-identifying your report)
6. A summary regarding number and types of neuropsychological tests administered and reports written (some background in cognitive assessment is preferred).

Optional:

1. Submission of 1 publication reprint is encouraged.

Application Requirements

Applicants to the Postdoctoral Fellowship must be graduates of an APA-accredited doctoral program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology, and must have completed an APA Accredited internship. Each applicant must also be a U.S. citizen (per VA policy). As an equal opportunity training program, the fellowship program strongly encourages applications from all qualified candidates regardless of racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, or other minority status.

VISN 19 MIRECC Advanced Fellowship Program In Mental Illness & Treatment

Our full-time 2-year fellowship program employs a scientist-practitioner model. With guidance from Clinical Supervisors, a Research Mentor, and input/support from the Training Director, Fellows develop an individualized training plan designed to facilitate the transition from internship to entry-level professional in this two-year program. Fellows spend, at a minimum, 10-15 hours weekly in direct clinical service delivery (encompassing individual psychotherapy and psychotherapy groups, as well as charting and notes) and 10-15 hours devoted to clinical research-related activities (encompassing clinical research with participants, research meetings, grant/manuscript writing, and administrative tasks).

Psychology training at the VISN 19 MIRECC Postdoctoral program is based on the scientist-practitioner model. Our clinical training follows an "observe, engage, lead/supervise" paradigm in which Fellows begin to acquire clinical competencies through observing their supervisors, then by engaging in relevant clinical activities (often with a more experienced practitioner) with intensive supervision, and progressing to a more independent level of practice, ultimately leading/teaching or supervising others in that skill.