



Interprofessional Fellowship in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services

The Durham Veterans Affairs Health Care System Mental & Behavioral Health Service in Durham, N.C., announces openings for the 2026-2027 academic year of its Interprofessional Fellowship in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services (PSR Fellowship) for Veterans with serious mental illness (SMI) and substance use disorders (SUD). The PSR Fellowship is a clinical training program that focuses on the theory and practice of psychosocial rehabilitation and the treatment of substance use disorders. The fellowship provides individualized, mentored clinical training. The curriculum is designed to educate fellows on the use of comprehensive psychosocial rehabilitation approaches, evidence-based treatment for SMIs and SUDs, and implementing change in mental health care settings. Fellows will work with Veterans with SMI (e.g., schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, PTSD) and SUDs (i.e., alcohol, drugs of misuse, tobacco). The purpose of the fellowship is to develop leaders with the vision and knowledge to help health care systems emphasize functional capability, rehabilitation, and recovery.

Fellows will have primary clinical experiences in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center, the Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery services program (an Assertive Community Treatment model program), and the Substance Use Disorders Clinic. All fellows participate in a mentored education dissemination project (e.g., research, program evaluation). Supervision for licensure is supported. Fellows typically have the opportunity to complete one or more VA national training programs in evidence-based interventions. For example, Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness is routinely offered. Additionally, didactics and clinical experiences are offered throughout the training year on a range of evidence-based practices (e.g., Wellness Recovery Action Planning, Illness Management and Recovery, cognitive behavioral therapy for psychosis, cognitive behavioral therapy for SUD, tobacco cessation). Fellows receive significant training in both group and individual service delivery.

Fellows must be U.S. citizens and must be graduates of academic programs that are accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting bodies for the profession. Applications are invited from graduates of psychiatry residency programs, doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology, master's or doctoral programs in social work, master's or doctoral programs in mental health nursing, master's or doctoral programs in occupational therapy, and Master of Divinity programs with four units of CPE recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs. For psychology applicants, the PSR Fellowship is a focus area within the Durham VAHCS psychology postdoctoral fellowship program, which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA) and is a postdoctoral member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). For social work applicants, the PSR Fellowship is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). For occupational therapy applicants, the PSR Fellowship is an AOTA-Approved Fellowship Site accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association. For chaplaincy applicants, the PSR Fellowship provides the opportunity to participate in the ACPE-Accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program.

The PSR Fellowship is full-time for 12 months. Stipend information is below. Fellows are eligible for health and life insurance benefits. All fellows earn annual and sick leave and are entitled to all federal holidays.

Please note that the 2026-2027 stipends have not been announced yet. The 2025-2026 stipends are listed below:

Chaplaincy	\$43,548*
Nursing	\$51,181*
Occupational therapy	\$50,362 if post-master's / \$51,181 if post-doctoral
Psychiatry	Available on request
Psychology	\$55,653
Social work	\$44,597*

*Applicants in these fields are typically post-master's. However, a higher stipend amount would be available for applicants who are post-doctoral.

In order to provide more information on the PSR Fellowship, live virtual presentations about the program will be delivered on November 10th 2025 and January 12th 2026, both at 12:00PM eastern (links below). The two presentations will be the same and will include information relevant to all disciplines. These are for informational purposes only; it is not required to attend one in order to apply. Interviews will be conducted virtually in the spring.

Nov 10th 2025 from 12:00-12:45

[Join the meeting now](#)

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Jan 12th 2026 from 12:00-12:45

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Applications from all disciplines **except** psychology must be submitted by email with the subject "LAST NAME-DISCIPLINE (e.g., SW, OT, Chap)-PSR Fellowship Application" to the person listed below for your discipline. If you are from a discipline not listed, please send your application to Julie McCormick. Please attempt to send all documents as attachments in the fewest number of emails as possible.

- Social Work: Send to Julie McCormick, LCSW (julie.mccormick@va.gov)
- Occupational therapy: Send to Ben Triplett, OTR/L (ben.triplett@va.gov)
- Chaplaincy: Send to Stuart Harrell, BCC, ACPE-CE (stuart.harrell@va.gov)

For all applicants other than from psychology, please submit the following items by email as your application:

1. Letter of interest that describes (a) why you are interested in further training and in this program in particular, (b) your prior training or exposure to recovery-oriented services for serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders, and (c) your long-term professional goals. Letters of interest are typically one page.
2. Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume
3. Graduate transcripts (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable at the time of application. If you are offered an interview, official transcripts will be required at a later date.)
4. Three letters of reference from recent supervisors or faculty members familiar with your clinical work. Reference letters can be emailed by the candidate; they do not need to come from the reference directly. If a reference prefers to do so, the reference may submit directly to the respective staff member receiving materials for your discipline (i.e., the same person to which you send your materials).

Applications are accepted until all positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. Interviews typically take place between February and April. **February 9th 2026 is the priority deadline for all applicants other than psychology.**

For psychology candidates to apply for the PSR Fellowship:

Applications should be **submitted online via APPACAS** by **December 1st 2025**.

APPIC's centralized postdoctoral application system (APPA CAS) may be found at the following address:

<https://www.appic.org/Postdocs/APPA-CAS-Postdoc-Application-Information>

For more information about the program, contact:

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