



**VA Center for Integrated Healthcare
Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness:
Syracuse VA Medical Center
Syracuse, New York**

Applications are Currently Being Accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the VA Center for Integrated Healthcare (CIH) Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Psychology (located at the Syracuse VA Medical Center) for a two-year position commencing in the summer of 2024. Training will follow a scientist-practitioner model, with programmatic emphasis on research and clinical training in Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI). Fellows will spend the majority of their time conducting clinical research. At minimum, 25% of their time will be protected for dedicated clinical rotations and clinical supervision.

The mission of CIH's Postdoctoral Psychology Fellowship Program is to train psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers and practitioners in the high priority area of Veterans' mental health care, specifically in PC-MHI. The research and clinical focus of CIH is to improve the quality of health care of Veterans by supporting the implementation of empirically-based methods of integrated care. Our region was the first in the VA to ensure that a Behavioral Health Provider is assigned to every primary care clinic in the network, and the VA is now at the forefront of the development of Patient Aligned Care Teams (known outside of VA as the Patient-Centered Medical Home).

Postdoctoral fellows will work collaboratively with CIH mentors on research related to brief mental health interventions and assessment suited to integrated care. Numerous clinical and implementation science research opportunities are available. These include, but are not limited to, novel approaches to population-based mental healthcare related to depression, pain, PTSD, substance use disorders, and post-deployment care. Fellows will also receive didactics and supervised clinical experience in the co-located, collaborative model of PC-MHI. Clinical training is designed to develop a thorough understanding of the mental health needs of Veterans in integrated care settings throughout the lifespan.

Additionally, fellows will be provided with national teleconference and web-based didactic training opportunities. Information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (MIRECC) Fellowship Program can be found at: http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc_fellowship.asp

Application Due Date:	December 1
Estimated Notification Date:	Beginning January 19 (Common hold date will be honored)
Start Date:	Select start dates available, July – September
Number of Post-Doctoral Positions:	Up to 2 positions available
Length of program:	2 years, with 3 rd year extension possible
Stipend:	\$52,005 (first year) – \$54,515 (second year)
Benefits:	Health Insurance, 13 days paid vacation, and up to 13 days of sick leave per year
Accreditation Status:	Non-accredited
Training Program Website:	https://www.mirecc.va.gov/cih-visn2/fellowship2syracuse.asp

Eligibility Requirements:

Prospective applicants must be U.S. Citizens, and have completed doctoral degree requirements from an APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited program in clinical or counseling psychology, and an APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited pre-doctoral psychology internship. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Verification of citizenship, selective service status, and appropriate vaccinations is required prior to appointment by VA policy.

CIH is committed to seeking and sustaining a culture of diversity, inclusion, and acceptance. The U.S. Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

To apply:

Please submit applications via the APPA CAS portal. Complete applications must include:

1. Cover Letter/Letter of Intent. The letter should clearly describe how your career goals and interests are aligned with fellowship training opportunities and identify specific mentor(s) you would be interested in working with.
2. Detailed vitae describing background training and experience, description of internship, and other scholarly activity and research.
3. Two Writing Samples. Please include both a scholarly work sample and fully de-identified clinical case report.
4. Three letters of recommendation from previous supervisors. One letter must be from the Director of Training of your APA, CPA, or PCSAS-accredited pre-doctoral internship. Letters should be submitted by your supervisors on your behalf. Please do not submit more than three letters.
5. Official graduate transcript sent directly by your university (certified electronic or stamped hard copy is acceptable). Unofficial transcripts are acceptable until official transcripts arrive at our offices (see mailing address for physical transcripts below).

For questions regarding training eligibility, opportunities, or application, please contact:

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