

VA ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP IN VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



The VA VISN 2 Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention and the affiliated University of Rochester Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide (UR-CSPS) is pleased to announce the availability of a postdoctoral fellowship position for a psychologist or physician. The two-year program is supported by the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment.

Program Goal: To prepare the next generation of leaders and innovators in suicide prevention research, education, and clinical care. We offer specialized training focused on suicide prevention strategies, with emphasis on at-risk populations including older Veterans; Veterans with depression, PTSD, or other mental health disorders; Veterans with substance use disorders and comorbid conditions; and Veterans facing health challenges such as chronic pain and sleep disorders. We also offer unique clinical and research opportunities in crisis response strategies and other brief interventions to address suicide risk. The fellowship is associated with (but not identical to) the UR-CSPS NIMH T32 Research Fellowship in Suicide Prevention. Prospective fellows may apply to both fellowships.

Fellowship Activities: Participants spend approximately 75% time in research and 25% in related clinical activities, work closely with senior research and education mentors, participate in core didactic offerings of the VA Hub Site and UR-CSPS, obtain advanced clinical training in VA sites matched closely to research interests, prepare at least one paper for publication and one national presentation each year, and complete a suicide prevention education project.

Training Faculty:

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Fellowship Director:
Stephanie A. Gamble, PhD

Associate Fellowship Director:
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Application: Send letter of interest, CV, graduate transcripts, and 3 letters of recommendation to:

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Psychologist/Associated Health Applicants:

- Application Date:** Preferred deadline January 4, 2021
- Start Date:** Flexible July 1 – October 1, 2021
- Salary and Benefits:** Stipend starts at \$47,624 for Year 1. Fellows are eligible for health and life insurance benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Requirements:** Entry into the program requires U.S. citizenship and completion of a doctoral degree, including dissertation defense, from an APA-, CPA- or PCSAS-accredited clinical or counseling program prior to the start date of the fellowship. Applications from those participating in new VHA psychology internship programs, in the process of applying for APA accreditation, may be acceptable provided that such programs were sanctioned by the VHA Central Office Program Director for Psychology and VHA Central Office of Academic Affiliations at the time of applicant's enrollment.
- Accreditation Status:** Non-accredited
- For more information:** Visit our website <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/suicideprevention/education/fellowship.asp> or contact Training Director Stephanie Gamble, PhD via Program Coordinator, Tracy Dilcher at tracy.dilcher@va.gov, (585) 393-7812

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