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The Rocky Mountain MIRECC Fellow-

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Current as of November 2022
The Denver site of the Rocky Mountain Men- tal Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (RM MIRECC) Fellowship is fully ac- credited by the American Psychological Asso- ciation (APA) Commission of Accreditation (CoA), with the next site visit scheduled for Nov 2022. As one of many sites for the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Ill- ness Research & Treatment, the RM MIRECC Fellowship offers a unique, dynamic oppor- tunity for professional and personal growth.

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Funded by the VA Office of Academic Affilia- tions (OAA), our Fellowship Program is car- ried out within the setting of a large and di- verse VA hospital, fulfilling the RM MIRECC’s mission: to study suicide with the goal of re- ducing suicidal ideation and behaviors in the Veteran population. Toward this end, the work of the RM MIRECC is focused on prom- ising clinical interventions, as well as the cog- nitive and neurobiological underpinnings of suicidal thoughts and behaviors that may lead to innovative prevention strategies.

For more information, please visit:
www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/fellowship/denver.asp

How to Apply
Submit an application packet to Dr. Lisa Brenner at lisa.brenner@va.gov with the following:
• A signed letter of interest that identifies career goals, expectations, and goodness of fit with RM MIRECC’s mission and selected faculty mentor
• A current Curriculum Vitae
• A signed letter of completion or expected com- pletion from academic and internship/residency programs
• Three signed letters of recommendation
• A work sample, such as a publication, in relevant area(s) of research
• A sample de-identified psychological evaluation report, preferably addressing suicide risk
• A summary regarding types of assessments ad- ministered and reports written and training in evidence-based psychotherapy

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.

See: www.va.gov/OAA/specialfellows/FAQ.asp

With guidance from Clinical Supervisors, a Re- search Mentor, and input/support from the Training Director and Training Committee, Fellows develop an individualized training plan designed to facilitate the transition from inter- nship to entry-level professional in this two -year program. Fellows spend approximately 25% of their time in clinically-informed re- search-related activities (including research design and implementation, research meetings, grant and manuscript writing, research dis- semination, and administrative tasks), and 75% in clinical service delivery (including clinical research activities, consultation, psychothera- py and assessment).

Psychology training at the RM MIRECC Fellow -ship is based on the scientist-practitioner model. Over the course of this two-year pro- gram, our clinical training follows an “observe, engage, lead/supervise” paradigm in which Fellows begin to acquire clinical competencies through observing their supervisors, engaging in relevant clinical and research activities with intensive supervision, and progressing to a more independent level of practice, ultimately leading/teaching or supervising others in that skill.

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