The VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System (VAECHS) is seeking applicants for a 1-year postgraduate fellowship in psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) and recovery-oriented services for Veterans with serious mental illness (SMI).

The goal of the fellowship is to support professional development and foster leadership skills among early career professionals in the area of Psychosocial Rehabilitation for SMI. The fellowship offers advanced training experiences in SMI and PSR to fellows from social work, clinical psychology and psychiatry. The fellowship is 40 hours per week for 1 full year and starts August 28, 2023. Fellows receive a stipend according to guidelines from the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) plus health insurance benefits with co-pay.

This unique fellowship training experience offers:

- Supervised clinical experiences providing recovery-oriented Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) services and evidence-based interventions on interprofessional treatment teams
- A comprehensive series of educational didactics and trainings, as well as mentoring and support for career development
- Opportunities to participate in program development and dissemination activities

Primary clinical settings include the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery (PRRC) and Intensive Case Management and Mental Health Recovery (ICMHR) programs at the VA Rocky Mountain Regional Medical Center. Additional elective training experiences may be available in Inpatient Psychiatry, the Behavioral Health Interprofessional Program (BHIP), Early Intervention for Psychosis, Couple and Family Services & Specialty Mental Health Services to include Substance Use Disorder & PTSD.

A key element in our training program is individualizing training experiences to fit the professional development and career goals of each Fellow. Fellows will work with supervisors and mentors across a robust team of interprofessional faculty to support their professional goals and development.

Please feel free to contact the current Co-Director of the fellowship with any questions: Allison Douglas, LCSW (Allison.Douglas@va.gov)
Qualifications Required

- Completion of a postgraduate degree (MSW, PhD/PsyD, MD)
- Psychology applicants: completion of an APA-accredited doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology (including completion of doctoral dissertation and an APA-accredited internship)
- VA regulations require US citizenship and that males born after December 31, 1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 years.
- Desirable qualifications include experience with and a commitment to working with persons living with SMI, and career goals involving clinical and leadership roles in Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR).

Our program and healthcare system are committed to building an inclusive work environment and actively embrace a diversity of people, ideas, talents, and experiences; as such, we strongly encourage people of color, individuals with disabilities, and other historically and currently underrepresented groups to apply.

Application Process: To apply, please submit the following materials:

- A cover letter which includes a statement of interest in the PSR Fellowship. The letter of interest should include: a brief summary of educational, clinical and research experiences relevant to PSR and any other areas of interest, a summary of your training needs and goals for the Fellowship, and a statement of your career goals.
- CV or resume
- 3 letters of reference, preferably from clinical and research supervisors

Social Work applicants: Please email materials to Allison Douglas@va.gov with the subject, “LAST NAME-PSR Fellowship Application” by February 7, 2023.

Psychiatry applicants: Please email materials to Allison.Douglas@va.gov with the subject, “LAST NAME-PSR Fellowship Application” by February 7th, 2023.

For Social Work and Psychiatry applicants: Please send all documents as attachments in one email to apply (if possible). Letters of recommendation can be emailed by the candidate - they do not need to come from the reference directly.