Northwest Leadership
Behavior Health Program
(NLBHP)
Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Leaders in Behavioral Health Program (NLBHP).

We hope this “virtual” information session is helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Chu-Torres at sctorres@uw.edu, Program Coordinator, with any questions or feedback on the content of this “information session”.
What is NLBHP?

• The primary objective of the NLBHP is to recruit and train a cadre of outstanding social work practitioners, prepared for interdisciplinary behavioral health prevention and clinical intervention for those at risk of developing or who have a recognized behavioral health disorder, particularly for rural, tribal, medically underserved, and vulnerable populations.

• Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – this is the fourth year of a 4 year grant, training 29 students/year, 116 total.

• This is the second time the UW SSW has received a training grant from HRSA to support this program.
Goals of the grant

1. Expand/Enhance the behavioral health curriculum and interprofessional training activities at the SSW to develop MSWs ready for practice in integrated behavioral health services

2. **Provide stipend of $10,000 for 29 trainees** (116 across 4 years), with a special emphasis on recruiting underrepresented minorities into the training program; spots available - 9 EDP and 20 DAY/Advanced Standing

3. Provide interprofessional training for faculty and field supervisors

4. **Provide stipend of $500 a year for field supervisors** to support the supervision of students in field placements

5. Develop, coordinate and support experiential field placements that will prepare MSW students to meet the unique challenges of work in integrated behavioral health with vulnerable populations across the lifespan
Goals of the grant continued ...

6. Strengthen collaboration and partnerships with organizations and communities to support job placement and career development for graduates and practitioners

7. Develop and disseminate educational and training materials on culturally responsive, evidence-based practice strategies for students, faculty, field supervisors and community-based practitioners

8. Evaluate NLBHP-II outcomes and participation

9. Ensure the sustainability of the behavioral health training program including securing funding to continue interprofessional practice opportunities.
Review the Letter of Commitment

• Please review the letter of commitment and requirements of the NLBHP!
Field Education Placement

• Eligible field instructors can receive stipend of $500 – pending placement site policies

• What to expect – coordination with your field site

• The NLBHP and the Office of Field Education will coordinate our communication with your field placement. Please feel free to let your Field Instructor (practicum placement) and Field Faculty (Office of Field Education) know that you are participating in the program and to expect that we will contact them.
Integrative Seminar: 1 credit per quarter

• 1 credit per quarter (Credit/No Credit)
• We work closely with Student Services to ensure that the seminar does not conflict with any courses required for your concentration.
• We will do our best to accommodate preferred seminar section choices; if we are unable to do so, a lottery system will be used to determine section assignment.
Course Content: Online Materials & Assignments

• Please review the content of the corresponding module before the session
• Complete assignments as described on CANVAS
• Be prepared to participate in the practice activities during seminar
Other Required Coursework

- SOC W 571 (Assessment of Mental Health Disorders)
- One Chemical Dependency course (SOC W 593, 572, 542, and 595)
- Contact Program Coordinator, Shirley Chu-Torres, sctorres@uw.edu with questions regarding course equivalence.
What about overall academic planning?

• Questions about these courses and/or for support with overall course planning, please contact the Office of Student Services at sswstsrv@uw.edu.
Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk Training

• In person training to be offered during Fall Quarter
Tracking Progress Pre and Post-Graduation

• Part of your commitment to the program is participation in tracking and evaluation activities.
• The NLBHP is required to report to our funder, HRSA.
• Data will be collected from both you and your practicum site.
• Please ensure that NLBHP staff have current contact information throughout the evaluation period.
Canvas Overview

• Please check Canvas weekly and ensure that you are receiving email notifications!
Stipend Award

• The total stipend for each trainee is $10,000. Disbursement of $5,000 will be awarded in Fall Quarter and $5,000 in Winter Quarter.

• Generally, money will disburse on the same timeline as other forms of financial aid (at the start of each quarter)

• Please ensure that your address and/or direct deposit is up-to-date with Student Fiscal Services.

• Your financial aid MAY be impacted by this award. Please contact the UW Office of Student Financial Aid at osfa@uw.edu or 206-543-6101 with any questions regarding your specific situation!
Eligibility Requirements

• The NLBHP is competitive behavioral health training program for MSW students in their advanced field practicum year (EDP, Day, Advanced Standing) in direct practice clinical concentrations (Health, Mental Health, Children Youth & Family, and Multigenerational Practice with Children & Families) who will begin their Advanced Practicum in Summer or Fall of 2020.

• American citizens, non-citizen national or permanent residents (per grant regulations).
Application Process

• Priority deadline is May 22, 2020

• Submit application online - https://socialwork.uw.edu/form/northwest-leaders-behavioral-health-program-application

• Required application materials/activities:
  • Application Statement
  • Resume
  • Unofficial transcript
  • Letter of recommendation (will need to be uploaded by the person writing the letter)
  • Interview
Questions?

• Office hours are by appointment in UW SSW Office 127C (shared office)

• Email Shirley Chu-Torres at sctorres@uw.edu or Charlotte Sanders at carlotat@uw.edu to schedule an appointment