

Durham VA Healthcare System (DVA HCS)
Occupational Therapy Fellowship Programs for post-graduate training

	Psychosocial Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy (PSR OT) Fellowship Program Part of the Interprofessional Fellowship on Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services (PSR Fellowship)	Geriatric Mental Health Occupational Therapy (GMH OT) Fellowship Program
Fellowship Leadership	PSR OT Fellowship Coordinator Allison Taylor, MS, OTR/L, CPRP PSR Fellowship Co-Directors Julie C. McCormick, LCSW, CPRP and J. Murray McNiel, Ph.D	GMH OT Fellowship Director Valerie Fox, PhD, OTR/L, CPRP
Mission and Goals	The purpose of the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) OT Fellowship Program is to develop advanced knowledge and clinical practice skills for serving the Veteran population in the behavioral health specialty areas of recovery-oriented services, psychosocial rehabilitation, serious mental illness (SMI), community-based treatment and substance use disorders. This training program is imbedded within the Interprofessional Fellowship on Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services which provides opportunities for high quality inter-professional education and training, collaborative mentorship, and professional development.	The purpose of the Geriatric Mental Health (GMH) OT Fellowship Program is to provide a challenging, diverse experience in varied geriatric programs to foster a well-rounded, skilled occupational therapy clinician with the specialist knowledge to assess and treat a range of mental health disorders that impact occupational engagement and overall functioning for older Veterans.
Accreditation Status	Accredited in July 2017 as an AOTA-Approved Fellowship Site. PSR Fellowship began in 2007 with first PSR Fellow of the occupational therapy discipline in 2008.	Accredited in June 2019 as an AOTA-Approved Fellowship Site.
AOTA Specialty Alignment	Specialty Alignment: Mental Health Following completion of the fellowship program, fellows may apply for American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Board Certification in Mental Health after 3 years of clinical practice rather than the standard 5 years.	Specialty Alignment: Mental Health Following completion of the fellowship program, fellows may apply for American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Board Certification in Mental Health after 3 years of clinical practice rather than the standard 5 years.
Structure	The PSR OT Fellowship Program is a year-long, full-time training program including evidence-based training, mentored clinical practice, and didactic	The GMH OT Fellowship Program is a year-long, full-time training program that includes intensive clinical training, mentorship, and didactic experiences. Training will emphasize

	<p>learning. The three main clinical practice settings include the outpatient psychosocial rehabilitation program, the outpatient substance use disorders program, and the intensive community-based mental health services team, with emphasis on professional role development and interprofessional collaboration.</p> <p>This program requires development and implementation of a scholarly education dissemination project related to psychosocial rehabilitation and mental health recovery.</p>	<p>continuity of care with experiences occurring across various settings such as intensive care, inpatient medicine, inpatient psychiatry, outpatient primary care and geriatric clinics, community-based and home settings.</p> <p>In addition, fellows are required to complete a QI project during the program, focused on the mental health needs of older Veterans. This project will encourage growth of program development and advocacy skills, as well as interdisciplinary collaboration.</p>
Program Requirements	<p>Requirements by time of appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a United States citizen. • Graduates, or expected to graduate, from ACOTE accredited OT Master's or Doctorate program. Graduates of programs accredited by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists are not eligible to apply. • Have successfully passed the NBCOT exam for initial certification. • Required to have a North Carolina Occupational Therapy state license by start of fellowship year. • Proficient in English. • PSR OT program: three months experience in mental health setting. • GMH OT program: three months experience in mental health or geriatric clinic practice setting. 	
Application Process	<p>See attached recruitment flyers, 2021-2022 Durham VA PSR Fellowship Announcement, for specific application instructions. February 8th, 2021 is the priority deadline.</p>	<p>See attached 2021-2022 Durham VA GMH OT Fellowship Announcement and brochure for specific application instructions. February 11th, 2021 is the priority deadline.</p>
Contact Information	<p>For more information, please visit: https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/pmr/Occupational_Therapy.asp or contact Allison Taylor, Allison.Taylor2@va.gov</p>	<p>For more information, please visit: https://www.durham.va.gov/Geriatric_Mental_Health_OT_Fellowship.asp or contact Valerie Fox, Valerie.fox@va.gov</p>