

Geriatric Mental Health Occupational Therapy Fellowship Program Application
Durham Veterans Administration Health Care System
Durham, North Carolina

The Durham Veterans Affairs Health Care System in Durham, NC announces openings for the 2019-2020 Geriatric Mental Health (GMH) Occupational Therapy Fellowship Program. The GMH OT Fellowship Program is a year-long, full-time training program with a minimum of 2080 hours of intensive clinical training, mentorship, and didactic experiences. Training will emphasize 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.

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.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, proficient in spoken and written English, and must be graduates, or expected to graduate, from an Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) accredited OT educational program at entry-level Masters or entry-level Doctorate level. Applicants should also have at least one FW Level II, or at least 3 months' experience, in a mental health or geriatric clinical practice setting. A fellow will receive an annual stipend and are eligible for health and life insurance benefits. Fellows also earn annual and sick leave and are entitled to all Federal holidays.

Application Instructions

Applications received by February 11, 2020, will be given priority. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.

To be considered for the fellowship, please submit the following items:

1. Letter of interest that describes (a) how you envision this training furthering your professional development, (b) your prior training or exposure to geriatric and/or mental health practice, and (c) your professional and research interests. Letters of interest are typically 1 page in length.
2. Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume
3. Graduate transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable at the time of application. If you are offered an interview, official transcripts will be required at a later date).

4. Three letters of reference from individuals familiar with your clinical work.
5. Federal Form: Declaration for Federal Employment
(https://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf)
6. Federal Form: Application for Health Professions Trainees
(<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>)

Applications must be submitted electronically to Valerie.fox@va.gov with the subject “LAST NAME-GMH Fellowship Application”. Please attempt to send all documents as attachments in the fewest number of emails possible.

For more information about the program, contact:

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