

Program Description

Through collaborative efforts among faculty and staff in Northeast Ohio Medical University's Departments of Psychiatry and Family and Community Medicine, the Integrated Community Psychiatry and Primary Care Fellowship is a one-year, post-residency training program offered to graduates of an ACGME-accredited in psychiatry or primary care (family, internal, pediatric medicine and others) training program.

Fellows are employees of an organization providing integrated primary care and mental health and/or addictions treatment. They dedicate four and a half days per week to clinical work and program development and a half day to didactics and supervision. Salaries vary depending on the placement, but are commensurate to that of an attending-level physician. This is not an ACGME-accredited fellowship. The Integrated Community Psychiatry and Primary Care Fellowship program receives support from a Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program Healthcare Access Initiative (MEDTAPP HCA) continuation grant.

Eligibility

Individuals in their final year of residency training and post-residency practicing physicians with an interest in enhancing their public sector careers are encouraged to apply for the fellowship. Prior to beginning the fellowship, applicants must have completed an ACGME-accredited training program in psychiatry or primary care (family, internal, pediatric medicine and others) and be able to obtain a Ohio medical license by the start of the fellowship. The annual start date is the first week of July.

Structure

- Two (+) fellows from primary care and psychiatry will work and learn together.
- Fellows are employed by organizations integrating mental health and addictions treatment with primary health care.
- Fellows are paid a competitive salary commensurate to attending-level physician in a similar setting with time spent in didactics reimbursed to employer via MEDTAPP.
- The academic curriculum covers essential topics in community psychiatry, primary care, health care integration and administration.
- Guest speakers from varying professional disciplines and experiential community field trips illustrate/enhance the curriculum.
- Fellows will apply concepts learned in the academic curriculum to their field placements, working collaboratively to enhance integration efforts at clinical and administrative levels with assignments geared toward developing a comprehensive understanding of organization and community and development of a project proposal aimed to address identified needs, gaps and opportunities.
- Weekly meetings will be held with a faculty preceptor who will support fellows in academic, clinical and leadership experiences.
- Faculty will serve as mentors and provide ongoing support beyond the fellowship year.

Benefit to Fellows

The fellowship seeks to embed the values of health care integration into the core of the professional identity of our future clinical and administrative leadership, while enhancing clinical acumen and administrative skills. As needed for practitioners with such a skill set grows both in Northeast Ohio and Nationally, the interprofessional collaborative practice and leadership skills learned in this fellowship will prove to be highly portable and advantageous.

Didactic Topics

1. Historical foundations of community mental health, PCMH and integrated care (mental health, substance use, physical health and developmental disabilities) for co-occurring disorders and chronic health conditions
2. Structure(s) of community mental health, addictions treatment and primary care
3. Systems-based approaches to health care
4. Guiding philosophies and concepts in integrated health care, including: interprofessional team-based care, person-centeredness, recovery focused care, integrative medicine, trauma-informed care and stages of change
5. Professional ethics and advocacy
6. The role of the psychiatrist and primary care clinician in community-based services
7. The interprofessional team: disciplines, roles and teamwork
8. Providing leadership and facilitating collaboration
9. Consultation in integrated health care
10. Practical systems/program analysis and evaluation
11. Principles of public health care and approaches to maintaining healthy communities
12. Program development, administration and financing in public health care systems
13. Regulation and accreditation of public sector programs
14. Community-based research and scholarship
15. Services for special populations: homeless, forensic, GLBT, addictions, child and family, rural, geriatric, institutionalized

For more information about the Integrated Community Psychiatry and Primary Care Fellowship, please contact the fellowship core faculty listed below.

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