

**PSYCHIATRIC
MENTAL HEALTH
NURSE
PRACTITIONER
(PMHNP)
FELLOWSHIP**

**Cycle 2
Kickoff**

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WELCOME

The **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program** is a statewide fellowship program based in community health centers (CHC) designed to prepare and transition PMHNP graduates into an integrated CHC practice setting.

This program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). The PMHNP fellowship program is managed by UMass Chan Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing (UMass Chan GSN) in partnership with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (MLCHC).

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Fellowship

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program is offered to **both PMHNP graduates** and **PMHNP students** at Community Health Centers (CHCs) across Massachusetts.

A graduate PMHNP must be defined by at least one of the three following descriptions:

- Completed a PMHNP program within 18 months of the start of the Fellowship,
- Will complete a PMHNP program by the start of the Fellowship, or
- A recent graduate hired between 6/1/23 and 6/30/24 as a new PMHNP (within 18 months of graduation) at a community health center.

PMHNP graduates will fulfill a 12-month service commitment. PMHNP students will have a semester-long obligation with the option to extend the Fellowship to additional semesters.

Kickoff Agenda

- Project Aim and Core Components
- Eligibility
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- Fellowship Process
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Project Aim

The PMHNP Fellowship Program aims to recruit, educate, and retain well-qualified and diverse graduate and student-level PMHNPs to serve the behavioral health needs of Massachusetts' CHCs patient populations.

Core Components of the PMHNP Fellowship Program include robust recruitment, training, engagement, and retention strategies to ensure fellows complete the program and are interested in continuing employment in the CHC setting.

CHC Eligibility

All MA CHCs that meet the criteria to qualify as a Federally Health Center (FQHC)^[1], a hospital-licensed health center or an FQHC look-alike are eligible to apply for funding through this RFP.

^[1] <https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/federally-qualified-health-center-fqhc>

CHCs, that serve diverse communities, rural communities^[2], or are in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area^[3] are strongly encouraged to apply.

^[2] <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/what-is-rural>

^[3] [What Is Shortage Designation? | Bureau of Health Workforce \(hrsa.gov\)](#)



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Graduate Fellow Eligibility

- Registered nurses licensed in Massachusetts in good standing.
- Board certified as a PMHNP and hold an APRN license in Massachusetts OR who are eligible and will soon sit for board certification as a PMHNP and receive an APRN license in Massachusetts once they have passed the PMHNP national certification exam.
- A new hire at a CHC working as a PMHNP hired between 6/1/23-6/30/24, provided the CHC also applies and is approved

Candidates who graduated from a PMHNP program within 18 months of RFP release and/or are multilingual and/or reflect the population served will receive priority.



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Student Fellow Eligibility

- Registered nurses, licensed in Massachusetts and in good standing.
- Currently enrolled in a full-time or part-time PMHNP academic program.*
- To participate, students must provide written approval from their school's program director or coordinator.
- RNs who meet the above criteria and are currently working at a CHC are eligible to apply to be placed at their CHC as a student Fellow, provided the CHC also applies and is approved.

*Qualifying PMHNP programs may provide a master in science (MS) with PMHNP specialization; a Doctor of Nursing (DNP) with PMHNP specialization; or a post-graduate certificate (PGC) with PMHNP specialization for board-certified NPs in a specialty other than psychiatry and mental health (e.g., family nurse practitioners).



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Fellow Applications

All interested graduate and student Fellowship candidates including those who are newly hired as a PMHNP at a CHC or currently working at a CHC as an RN **must** complete an application through [UMass Chan GSN](#), acceptance is not guaranteed.

Preceptor Requirements

Non-Prescribing Preceptor

Non-prescribing Preceptors will assist the Fellows in meeting their learning needs by providing consultation for each new patient; consultation when appropriate to ensure patient care quality; and provide bi-monthly performance evaluations. Preceptors must be licensed mental health providers (e.g., PMHNP, psychiatrist, psychologist, LICSW, LMHC, etc.).

Prescribing Preceptor

A clinical supervisor is a Qualified Healthcare Professional (QHP) (e.g., independent practice PMHNP, PMHCNS, or licensed MD or DO board certified in psychiatry) who is eligible to provide clinical supervision of prescriptive practice for the graduate fellow, a state regulation, for the first 2 years post-certification.

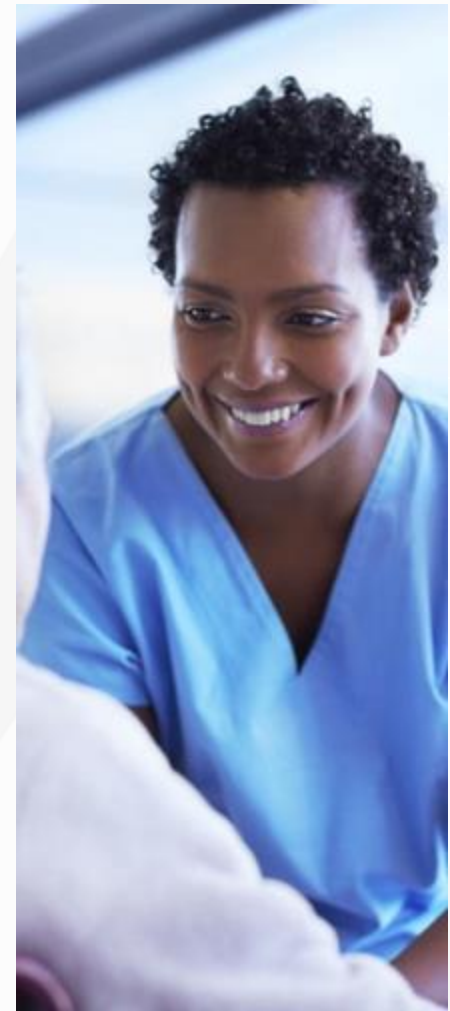
- If a CHC is unable to provide prescribing Preceptor support, the CHC may request remote supervision to be provided through UMass Chan GSN.

** Some providers such as individually licensed PMHNP providers may fulfill both the prescribing preceptor and the non-prescribing preceptor roles*

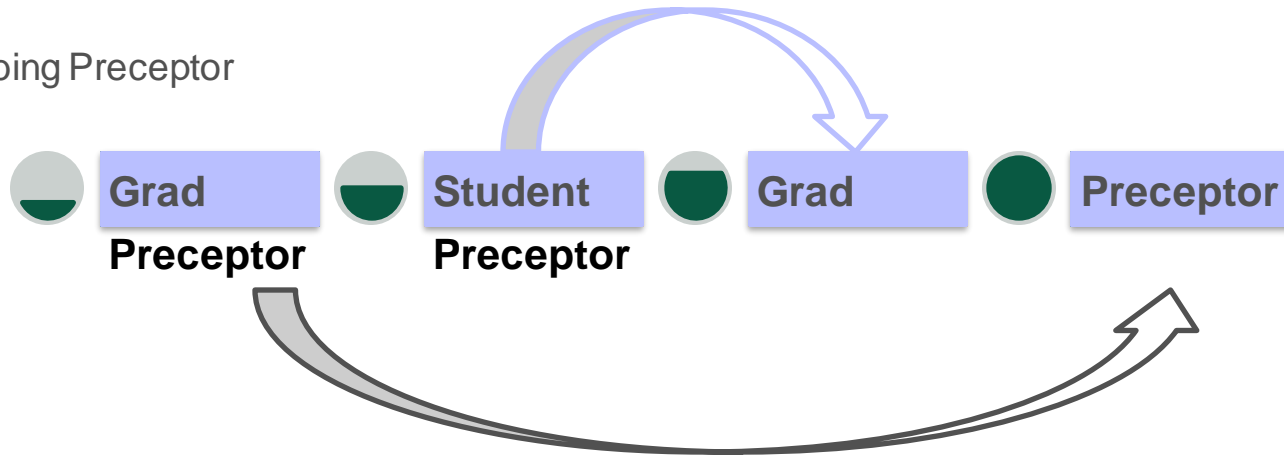
Weekly Didactics

UMass Chan Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing will provide **weekly educational experiences on topics related to practice in community health settings**. Additional professional development, clinical support, and mentoring opportunities include:

- Psychiatry Grand Rounds
- Virtual Simulation Opioid Safe prescribing training.
- Online self-directed courses for integrated primary care
- Group supervision/case presentations
- *And more*



Prescribing Preceptor



Visualizing Success!

Timeline ****All dates are subject to change so please check our websites**

Event	Date
Kick off Informational Session	February 28, 2024 12:30 PM
Request for Proposals Released	February 28, 2024
Request for Proposals Informational Webinar	March 5, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Questions related to RFP/CHC application	March 12, 2024
Posting of Answers to Questions. <i>No questions related to RFP/CHC application will be accepted beyond this date</i>	March 18, 2024
Applications Due	April 1, 2024 11:59 PM
Notice of Acceptance (with conditions)	Summer 2024
Fellowship Year Starts	Anticipated Start date July 2024 or upon identification of student or graduate fellow and signing of the contract.

What's next....



RFP Released

February 28th, 2024

Posted on Mass League PMHNP website

[Mass League PMHNP](#)

RFP Informational Webinar

March 5, 2024

Zoom link posted in Higher Logic Communities

Websites

helpful documents, recordings of webinar, and updated timelines will be available on:

[Mass League PMHNP](#)

[UMass Chan GSN PMHNP](#)

Any questions about what we have covered so far?

Questions can be emailed to:
pmhnpfellows@massleague.org

Please see the FAQs section on the Mass League website:
[FAQs](#)

Thank You!

Thank you all for joining us!

We look forward to reviewing your proposals.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any other questions.

