

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1. When are the applications due?

August 27, 2021

2. When do you expect CHCs to be notified if they received the award?

The intention is to notify applicants by September 27, 2021.

3. When does the fellowship begin?

The fellowship begins in January 2022, exact date TBD.

4. Most postgraduate training programs are at least one year in length. Why is this one only six months?

The current funding for this pilot fellowship program ends June 2022. However, six months is adequate time for an intensive postgraduate training program for PMHNPs who wish to focus on mental health in community health centers.

5. Is the fellowship limited to new graduates?

No. Any PMHNP who does not have experience in a community health center as a PMHNP is eligible to apply.

6. Is there a maximum number of residency slots per community health center (CHC)?

No, but you should clearly demonstrate you have the resources available to support the number of slots being requested.

7. Can the Program Director be an ANP or an FNP?

Yes.

8. What supports will the MLCHC provide to CHCs to ensure they will be able to on-board new PMHNPs by January, 2022?

The Mass League has partnered with two NP consultants and University of Massachusetts, Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) to provide the CHCs with support in launching the program. The NP consultants will assist in marketing the Fellowship Program and streamline recruiting applicants through a centralized process. The GSN will provide the didactic content of the Fellows.

9. Will the application review committee include Nurse Practitioners?

Yes.

10. What will the process be for the CHCs to interview the candidates?

The NP consultants will review applications and forward those that meet requirements to the CHCs. The CHCs will determine the hiring process.

11. Is it possible to extend the fellowship to a one-year program?

The CHCs can elect to extend the program and will receive access to online materials through the GSN though the MassLeague will not fund the Program after June 2022.

13. What are the expectations around patient panels for the PMHNP Fellows?

This program does not set specific expectations around patient panels. Patient panels are expected to be adequate in terms of volume, clinical diversity, and patient diversity to ensure a robust training experience.

12. Is preference given to FNP Residency-funded CHCs?

A slight advantage exists for CHCs that already have a postgraduate training program for NPs. CHCs without a formal postgraduate training program for NPs need to demonstrate their readiness and infrastructure that will support the Program.

13. Can applicants receive help or feedback from the MassLeague regarding their applications prior to submitting?

No.

14. Can the Program Director and Clinical Director role be held by the same person one person?

Yes, but if this is the case, please describe the rationale.