



Massachusetts League
of Community Health Centers

**PSYCHIATRIC
MENTAL HEALTH
NURSE PRACTITIONER
FELLOWSHIP**

Kickoff

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WELCOME

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

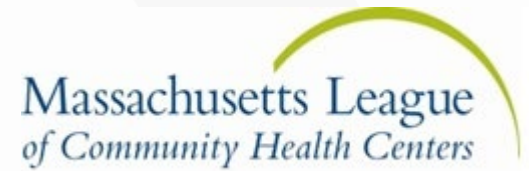
This program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). The PMHNP fellowship program is managed by UMass Chan Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing in partnership with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (MLCHC).

The PMHNP Fellowship is supported by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with funds received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury from the Fiscal Recovery Fund, established under Section 602 of the SSA, as added by Section 9901 ARPA.

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

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INTRODUCTIONS



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PMHNP Fellowship Program Agenda

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Project Aim

The PMHNP Fellowship Program aims to recruit and retain well-qualified and diverse practicing-level (graduates) and student-level PMHNPs to care for the behavioral health needs of vulnerable populations served by Massachusetts' CHCs.

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

Eligibility to the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Fellowship Program is open to:

All MA CHCs that meet the criteria as an FQHC are eligible to apply for funding through this RFP. CHCs that serve diverse communities, rural communities, or are in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area are strongly encouraged to apply



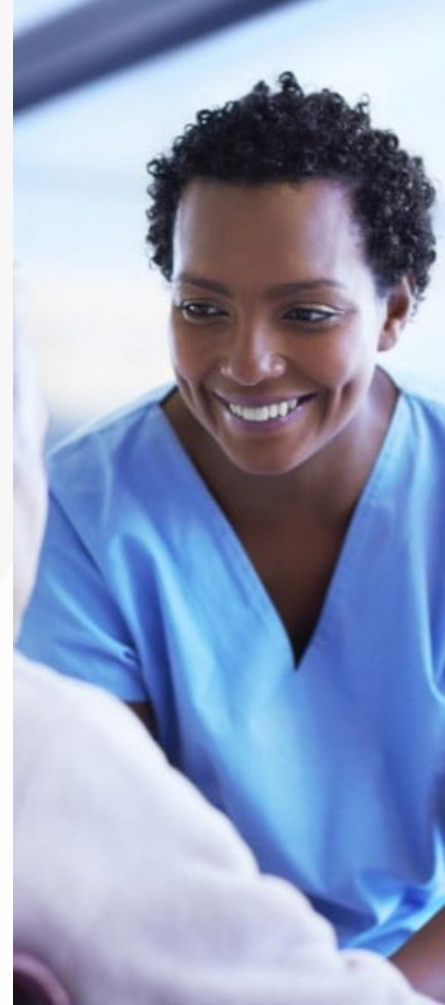
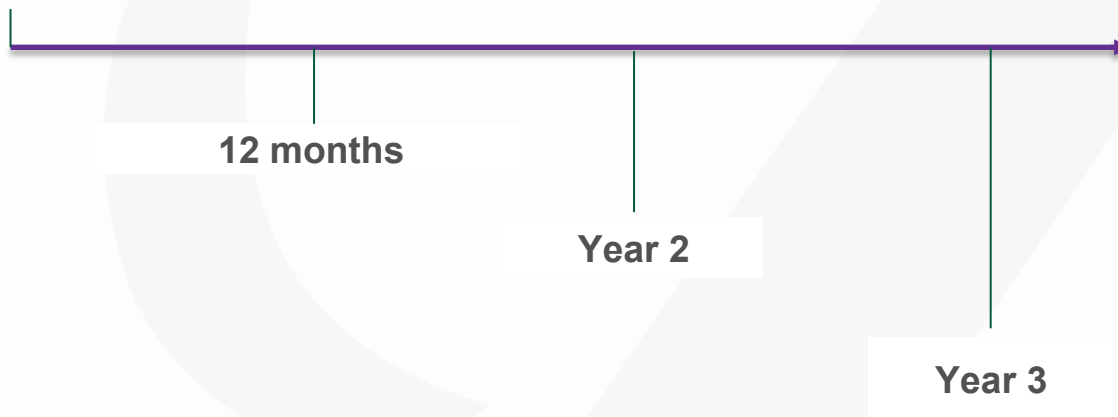
Fellow Eligibility

- **Student-level fellows** are registered nurses, who are licensed in Massachusetts and in good standing, and currently enrolled in a full-time or part-time PMHNP academic program. In order to participate, students must provide written approval from their school's program director or coordinator. 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).
- **Graduate-level fellows** -who completed a PMHNP program within 18 months of July 1st 2023, are registered nurses licensed in Massachusetts in good standing who are also 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.



Fellowship Process

Fellowship Start



CHC Preceptor Description*

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.).

Clinical Supervisor Description*:

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.

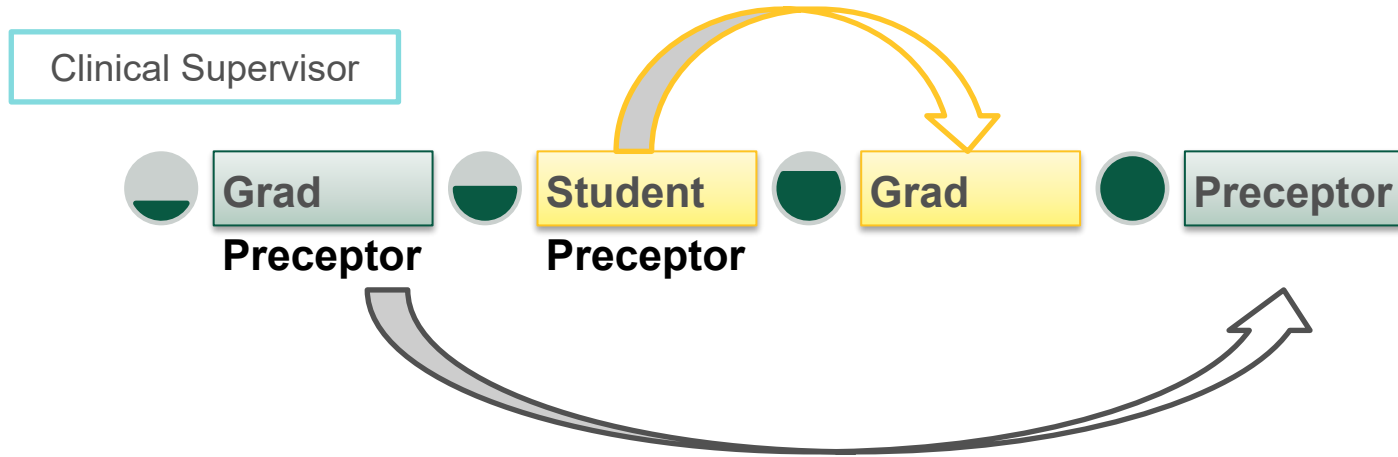
- If a CHC is unable to provide clinical supervision, the CHC may request remote supervision.

*** The preceptor and clinical supervisor may be the same individual.**

Weekly Didactics

- UMass Chan Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing will provide weekly educational experiences on topics related to practicing 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*





Visualizing Success!



What's next....

Send an Email of Interest to pmhnpfellows@massleague.org - informs us of the level of interest; does not guarantee acceptance or award

Websites-helpful documents and resources will be available on MLCHC and UMass sites

CHC RFP will be submitted to MLCHC and Fellow Applications will be submitted to UMass

UMass and MLCHC will collaborate with the CHCs to make CHC/Fellow matches

Webinar- August 16th for the RFP webinar stay tuned for the time and link to join!

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

Event	Date
Kick off Informational Session	June 20, 2023
Request for Proposals Released	August 14 th , 2023
Webinar	August 16 th , 2023
Deadline for Submission of Questions related to RFP/CHC application	August 28 th , 2023 11:59 PM EST
Posting of Answers to Questions. <i>No questions related to RFP/CHC application will be accepted beyond this date</i>	September 11 th , 2023
Applications Due	September 25 th , 11:59 PM EST
Notice of Acceptance (with conditions)	Fall 2023
Fellowship Year Starts	Anticipated Start date January 2024 or upon signing of the contract and identification of student or graduate fellow.

Any questions about what we have covered so far?

Webinar with more details related to the RFP, application, and program will be held on August 16th, stay tuned for time and link to join!

questions can be emailed to
pmhnpfellows@massleague.org

all answers will be posted publicly on the MLCHC website

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.

