BHWET Stipend Information

The stipend program is part of an effort to invest in the education of selected students in order to attract qualified APN psychiatric providers into the integrated substance abuse, mental and behavioral health workforce. The students, following their training, will focus on serving populations across the lifespan.

This stipend is available through grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), and Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH) on behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program.

Qualified doctoral students at GS will receive cash stipends in the amount of $28,352 between February and November of their PMHNP track coursework (the PMHNP cognate of the BSN – DNP program).

Who Qualifies?

The students who are selected for stipends must be either: 1) full-time BSN – DNP students in the PMHNP track; or 2) part-time Advanced Standing students in the final year of the PMHNP program. In all cases, stipends will only be available as long as grant funds are available. An award may be cancelled in its entirety or funds may be partially distributed with subsequent payments being cancelled if grant funds are withdrawn.

What are the Conditions?

1. Students must have a current preceptor agreement and active Memorandum of Understanding with a Community Service Board (CSB), Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC), or individually approved site in the state of Georgia. They must also agree to use a preceptor in an FQHC, CSB, or individually approved site in the state of Georgia for all 540 clinical hours. A full list of pre-qualified sites is available upon request.

2. Students must agree to strongly consider and pursue employment in an FQHC or CSB after graduation.

How do I apply?

One semester before qualifying students begin the PMHNP track, they are notified of eligibility and are given further information about securing stipend money. All qualifying students are notified 3 months in advance of funding so they can make arrangements with qualifying preceptor sites.