

FACT SHEET ADVANCED FELLOWSHIPS



About the Office of Academic Affiliations

In partnership with over 1,400 academic affiliates, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducts the nation's largest health professions education platform across 1,000 VA sites of care. Overseen by the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), the program helps over 113,000 health professions trainees each year learn to care for our nation's heroes while being supervised by VA health professionals.

Learn more about OAA by visiting this [website](#). Find out more about VA's academic mission by watching this [video](#).

Advanced Fellowships improve health care for VA and the Nation through advanced training of emerging interprofessional health care leaders. Advanced Fellows improve care for Veterans through research and improvement projects.

- The Advanced Fellowship portfolio aligns with high-impact educational priority areas for the care of our nation's Veterans in the areas of health care improvement, advanced clinical practice, research, quality improvement, policy and administration.
- Advanced Fellowships directly impact the health care leadership pipeline for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Nation through specialized training relevant to health care priorities.
- VA provides 21 Advanced Fellowship national programs across 47 VA Medical Centers in:
 - Addiction Treatment
 - Advanced Geriatrics
 - Big Data-Scientist Training Enhancement Program (BD-STEP)
 - Geriatric Neurology
 - Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D)
 - Health Professions Education Evaluation and Research
 - Health Systems Engineering
 - Medical Informatics
 - Mental Illness Research & Treatment (MIRECC)
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - National Clinician Scholars Program
 - Parkinson's Disease
 - Patient Safety
 - Polytrauma & Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation
 - Psychiatric Research/Neurosciences
 - Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Oriented Services
 - Quality Scholars
 - Clinical Simulation
 - Spinal Cord Injury Research
 - War Related and Unexplained Illness
 - Women's Health
- VA has trained over 3,500 Advanced Fellows, including physicians, dentists, associated health professionals and nurses.
- 47% of Advanced Fellows enter VA or other governmental employment immediately following their training experience.
- Advanced Fellowships contributed to the development of recognized medical specialties, including: Geriatrics, Addiction Psychiatry, Palliative Care and Hospice Medicine, Clinical Informatics, Addiction Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury, Epilepsy and Traumatic Brain Injury.
- The Advanced Fellowships section works closely with many VHA national offices, including Women's Health, National Center for Patient Safety, SimLEARN and the Office of Research and Development.
- The Advanced Fellowships section collaborates with leading external organizations including American Board of Medical Specialties, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, National Clinician Scholars Program and Academy Health.

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