

Qualifications

- Must be US Citizen
- Must be proficient in written and spoken English
- Must have graduated from an accredited MSN or DNP program
- GPA 3.0 or greater
- Must be licensed, nationally board certified, and credentialed through ANCC as a nurse practitioner with a psychiatric-mental health specialty

Application Deadline

Accepting applications now

To apply, send resume and cover letter to the residency director:

Dr. Peter ODonnell
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Prepare for Performance Based Interviewing by visiting <https://www.va.gov/pbi>

Qualified applicants will be notified



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VA Maine Healthcare System

Nurse Practitioner Residency Program– Mental Health 2022-2023



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Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

Join our family in the brand new, state of the art Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). Portland is Maine's largest city filled with award-winning restaurants, historic sites, a thriving arts district, quick access to the coast, mountains, and everything in between. Portland has been consistently voted one of the Top 10 Cities to Live in the country, rated for its quality of life, job market, value of living, and desirability.

Using an individualized approach, this 12-month residency program includes clinical rotations in specialty areas, didactic sessions, Grand Rounds, a scholarly project, and direct clinical hours with Veterans in a dynamic healthcare system.



Residents will spend time seeing patients in the outpatient mental health clinic at the Portland CBOC with individualized progression of patient panels.

This new clinic also includes primary care and specialty services—dental, eye, audiology, radiology, and a full complement of telehealth clinics.

Rotations to the inpatient unit and some specialty rotations will require travel to the Togus campus in Augusta, ME (about 1 hour north of Portland).

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About VA Maine

VA Maine Healthcare System (VA Maine HCS) is the oldest VA healthcare center in the United States. The main campus, Togus, is located in Augusta, ME. There are also 8 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) throughout the state.

VA Maine has academic affiliations with the University of Maine system and numerous other institutions. As a teaching facility, VA Maine provides a wide range of inpatient, residential, vocational, and outpatient services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. VA Maine provides the critical foundation upon which trainees build their expertise in mental health during their first transitional year into professional practice.



Mission Statement

The VA Maine Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program will provide an enriched educational experience for new graduates by offering didactic and clinical learning experiences. The program will inspire exploration of the best evidence to provide care to Veterans in an environment of inquiry, excellence and openness, utilizing all healthcare disciplines to enhance the education of the psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Application Requirements

- Curriculum Vitae
- Official graduate school transcripts in a sealed envelope
- Personal statement:
 - What personal, professional, educational, and clinical experiences have led you to choose nursing as a profession, and the role of a mental health nurse practitioner as a specialty practice?
 - What are your aspirations for a residency program? Please comment upon your vision and planning for your short and long-term career development
 - Maximum two (2) pages
- Three (3) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes or emailed directly from the individual writing the letter
 - One must be from a faculty member or graduate program
- Background and security investigation required
- Pass pre-trainee physical examination
- Random drug testing required