

Qualifications

- US Citizen
- Proficient in written & spoken English
- Graduate of an accredited MSN or DNP program within the past 12 months (*applications may be submitted prior to graduation*)
- GPA 3.0 or greater
- Licensed, nationally board certified, and credentialed through ANCC as a nurse practitioner with a psychiatric-mental health specialty (*by start of program*)
- Must be entering first role as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner
- To review trainee eligibility check list, please visit: https://www.va.gov/OAA/docs/Am_I_Eligible_v5.pdf

Deadlines

Applications due: February 29, 2024

Program Start Date: September 9, 2024

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

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Prepare for Performance Based Interviewing by visiting:

<https://www.va.gov/pbi>

Qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews in March 2024



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VA Maine Healthcare System

Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

2024-2025



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Mission Statement

The VA Maine Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency (MH NPR) 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 a holistic approach care of veterans in an environment of inquiry, excellence and openness, utilizing all healthcare disciplines to enhance the education of the mental health nurse practitioner.



Goals

1. Provide didactic and experiential learning opportunities with interdisciplinary clinicians' role modeling Veteran-centric care and leadership to build knowledge and skills, as well as develop appropriate professional attitudes for the MH NP role.
2. Engage learners with interdisciplinary colleagues and build collaborative experience in the clinical setting to build competency and focus on team-based care that is collaborative, respectful, and supports communication to provide safe, time-sensitive, and evidence-based care.
3. Provide opportunities to impact systems and build leadership through the completion of an evidence-based practice project that is in alignment with the Pathways to Excellence Program at VA Maine.
4. Involve learners in self-reflective practice and critical reflection to build a culture of self-awareness, lifelong learning, and the delivery of equitable care.
5. Contribute to building and supporting the ongoing culture of scholarship and translation into practice of evidence-based practice within psychiatric-mental health nursing.
6. The residency program aims to recruit, train, and retain mental health nurse practitioner residents within the VA Maine and Greater VA System of Care.

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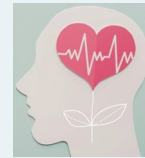
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Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

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 holistic healthcare system.

In line with VA Maine's Mission Statement, NP Residents will be supported in partnering with Veterans to provide exceptional healthcare for body, mind, and spirit.

Residents will spend time seeing patients during various clinical rotations at the Togus Campus with individualized progression of patient panels. Travel to the Portland and Lewiston outpatient mental health clinics may be required.



About VA Maine

VA Maine is the oldest VA healthcare center in the United States. The main campus, Togus, is located in Augusta. VA Maine also serves Veterans across the state at its 8 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

VA Maine has academic affiliations with the University of Southern Maine and other institutions across the state and country. As a teaching facility, we provide a wide range of inpatient, residential, vocational, and outpatient services, 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.

Application Requirements

- Curriculum Vitae/ Resume
- 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
- Official graduate school transcripts in a sealed envelope or electronically from school registrar
- 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