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# Memorandum

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From: Chief Academic Affiliations Officer (10A2D), VHA Central Office, Washington, DC

Subj: Opportunity to Apply for Phase III Mental Health Education Expansion Positions for Academic Year 2015-16

To: Chief, Mental Health  
To: Chief, Education Office  
Thru: Center Director (00)

1. The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) is pleased to announce Phase III of VA's Mental Health Education Expansion Initiative, providing the opportunity for facilities to apply for new and expanded interprofessional behavioral and mental health training positions. Sites that were awarded training positions in Phase I and II from previous years should only submit an application for new position requests, as all mental health expansion positions are recurring. The announcement solicits applications in two core mental health setting categories: Mental Health Clinical Programs and Medical Care Clinics/Teams.

2. VA facilities demonstrating commitment to training in mental health disciplines including Clinical Pastoral Education, Pharmacy with a mental health focus, Psychiatry, Psychology, and Social Work may submit one application per Designated Education Officer. Submissions must be based in at least one mental health clinical program or medical care clinic/team described in this announcement. Proposals are encouraged to be aligned with recommendations from the National Mental Health Innovations Task Force.

3. The mental health expansion announcement provides background information and procedures to be followed by facilities wishing to submit applications. In addition, the purposes and characteristics of the program, including application instructions and criteria for selection are described. A non-binding Letter of Intent is due to OAA by **August 29, 2014**. Completed applications are due to OAA by **September 29, 2014**. Sites will be notified of their selection or non-selection by November 7, 2014. Funding will begin between July 1 and October 1, 2015, depending on the training schedule of the selected sites.

4. Should you have questions about this program announcement, please contact Kenneth Jones, PhD, Director, Associated Health Education Office (10A2D), at [Kenneth.Jones6@va.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Jones6@va.gov) or at 202.461.9493.



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