

## Graduate Trainee Support Program

### Application Questions Guide

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This document includes the program's eligibility criteria and a copy of the application questions.

**Students must meet all eligibility criteria to apply for the program.**

Applications for this program are accepted three times a year exclusively through the official application platform. Submissions or responses provided outside the designated application periods or through other channels will not be reviewed or considered.

#### **Application Periods:**

- **March 10 – April 10:** For experiences starting in the summer.
- **June 10 – July 10:** For experiences starting in the fall.
- **October 10 – November 10:** For experiences starting in the spring.

Ensure your application is submitted during the appropriate window to be considered

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**This document is only a copy of the application questions,  
not the official application.**

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## 1 Academic Programs

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**Master's-level students must be enrolled in one of the following programs:**

- Bellevue University MS Clinical Mental Health
- Chadron State College MAE Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Concordia University MS Marriage and Family Therapy
- Crown College MA in Counseling
- Doane MA in Counseling w/a specialty in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Nebraska Wesleyan University Master of Social Work
- UNK MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- UNL MA Counseling Psychology - Community Counseling Track
- UNL MS Marriage & Family Therapy
- UNMC MS Applied Behavior Analysis
- UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work Master of Social Work
- UNO MS Applied Behavior Analysis
- UNO MS in Counseling with a Concentration in CMHC
- Wayne State College MSE Clinical Mental Health Counseling

## 2 Final Clinical Experience

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Many academic programs require students to complete a practicum, internship, or similar hands-on training as part of their coursework. The GTSP is designed to support students during their final required training experience before graduation, whether referred to as a practicum (for social work students) or an internship (for others). This final placement typically occurs in the last semester(s) and involves a higher number of required hours—often 400 or more. To participate, students should apply in the semester before they begin their final experience. For example, if a student starts their internship in the fall, they should apply in the summer. If you have any questions about when to apply, please reach out to your academic advisor for guidance.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## 3 Eligible Sites and Facilities

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Students are responsible for developing their practicum or internship experience and ensuring the experience is confirmed before applying for this program. Eligible sites and experiences must serve one or more of the following populations in Nebraska.

- **Rural Workforce Shortage Areas**
  - Experiences in this category should be in or serving communities in rural mental health professional shortage areas.
- **Public Sector**
  - Experiences in this category should be at the following facility types:
    - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
    - Community Mental Health Centers
    - Federally Qualified Health Centers
    - Nonprofit Social Services Agencies
    - Veterans Affairs Clinics
- **Justice-Involved**
  - Experiences in this category should be at the following facility types:
    - Department of Correctional Services Facilities
    - Nebraska County Correctional Facilities
    - Nebraska Regional Centers
    - Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

## 4 Practicing in Nebraska

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To align with BHECN's mission, students applying to this program must intend to practice in Nebraska after graduating from their academic program.

# CONTACT & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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## Contact Information

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**Question #1:** Full name

**Question #2:** Preferred Email Address

**Question #3:** Mailing Address

**Question #4:** Phone number



## Demographic Information

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**Question #5:** What is your race or ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino(a)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Another Race or Ethnicity (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

**Question #6:** What is your gender identity? (Select all that apply)

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary/ third gender
- Another gender identity
- Prefer not to answer

**Question #7:** What language(s) are you fluent in? (Select all that apply)

- English
- American Sign Language
- Spanish
- Another Language (please specify)

# STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDING & PROGRAM INFORMATION

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## Trainee Type

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**Question #8:** What behavioral health program are you enrolled in?

- Bellevue University MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Chadron State College MAE Clinical Mental Health Counseling
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## Academic Coordinator

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**Question #9:** Please list the contact information for the main academic supervisor or practicum/internship coordinator helping you organize this experience.

- First name
- Last name
- Email Address



## Supporting Academic Information

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**Question #10:** What is your current cumulative GPA?

**Question #11:** What is your expected graduation date?

**Question #12:** Please upload a copy of your most recent CV/resume.

**Question #13:** You have the **option** to upload a maximum of two letters of recommendation from applicable academic or professional sources describing why you should be selected for this program.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT & ELIGIBILITY



## Financial Assistance

**Question #14:** Have you or will you receive any other financial support for this training experience? (Please note: Student loans and scholarships are not considered financial support for this purpose.)

- Yes
- No

If you answer "Yes," please explain the financial support you will receive. This would include your site paying you, if you have received another scholarship to pay for your time, or if BHECN ARPA funds will be used to support you.



## Eligibility

**Question #15:** Have you started your practicum or internship hours?

- Yes
- No

If you answer "Yes," the survey will conclude as you are not eligible. Please note that you must apply to the GTSP prior to starting your experience.

**Question #16:** Is this experience confirmed?

- Yes
- No

If you answer "No," the survey will conclude as you are not eligible. You must have a confirmed experience in order to be eligible to apply for the GTSP.

# TRAINING EXPERIENCE



## Training Site Information

**Question #17:** Which tier are you applying for?

- Tier 1: \$2,500 for placements requiring 200 hours or less.
- Tier 2: \$10,000 for placements requiring between 201 - 499 hours.
- Tier 3: \$15,000 for placements requiring more than 500 hours.

Note: Students will be required to submit a confirmation form, signed by their experience supervisor, verifying the number of hours they will complete.

**Question #18:** Please provide the anticipated start and end dates of your practicum or internship experience.

**Question #19:** Please upload your experience acceptance letter. (Please use this template)

**Question #20:** Will you be training with multiple organizations during your practicum or internship experience?

- Yes
- No

If you answer "Yes," please submit another experience acceptance letter.

**Question #21:** Select the primary setting where the practicum or internship experience will take place:

If you are unsure which category applies, please refer to the program website for detailed descriptions of each setting.

- Rural
- Public Sector
- Justice-Involved

\*An additional \$5,000 bonus is available for students who complete their experience at a justice-involved facility. Only facilities specifically listed on our website under "justice-involved" in the "eligible sites and facilities" are eligible based on our statute. Students working with justice-involved individuals at facilities not listed on our website will not qualify for the bonus.

# EXPLANATION OF INTEREST

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## Career Goals

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**Question #22:** What factors influenced your decision to choose this location as your experience site?

**Question #23:** What are your career goals, and how will this training experience at your selected organization get you closer to your goals?



## Background and History

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**Question #24:** What aspect(s) of your background or history provides you with the experience or ability to work with rural, public sector, or justice-involved communities?



## Intention for Practicing in Nebraska

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**Question #25:** Do you plan on practicing in Nebraska after you graduate?

- Yes
- No

**Question #26:** Why do you believe it's important to remain in Nebraska as a behavioral health professional and how will this experience enhance your ability to practice in the state after graduation?

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## END OF APPLICATION