

Social Work Interprofessional Palliative Care Fellowship Opportunity

The James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center Geriatrics Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) located in the Bronx, NY, is recruiting for a masters-prepared social worker interested in a one-year fellowship in palliative and end-of-life care for the period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023. The GRECC is a center of excellence in geriatrics and palliative care, one of 20 in the nation. Its academic affiliate is the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and its doctorally prepared staff are faculty members at Mount Sinai. The Interprofessional Palliative Care Fellowship Program is one of several fellowship programs in the US sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs with the goal of preparing future leaders in palliative and end of life care. Established in 2001, we are now training our 21st cohort of Fellows and have 75 graduates in the fields of social work, nurse practitioner, medicine, pharmacy and psychology.

The fellowship is an intensive clinical training experience consisting of rotations at James J. Peters VAMC, VNS Health Home Hospice, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, and Mount Sinai Hospital's Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute. Fellows are exposed to patient-centered team-based care in a number of settings, including inpatient palliative care consultation teams, hospice, outpatient clinics, long-term pediatric care, and the home. Elective opportunities are available at James J. Peters VAMC and other VA facilities. Classroom learning includes a weekly academic day in conjunction with our parent academic department, the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center. This consists of a seminar series, journal club, Grand Rounds, and a multi-component leadership track. Other educational programs include funding for the Mount Sinai Intensive Update with Board Review in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine CME Course. Supervision will be provided by a previous fellow and current Palliative Care Social Worker, Siobhán James, LMSW.

The fellowship's leadership activities include four weeks devoted to a mentored research project with an MD or Ph.D. GRECC faculty member, teaching opportunities, a quality improvement project, and a project to develop advocacy skills in palliative care program development. Our graduates have gone on to work in various palliative care and hospice settings within and outside the VA throughout the US.

Candidates for the fellowship must have completed their MSW degree at an accredited US school of social work by May 2023. The annual stipend is \$36,169, with the opportunity for health and dental benefits and paid vacation and sick leave.

We would appreciate it if you would circulate this email to your colleagues or students and post it as appropriate. Interested individuals should email Valerie Menocal, BS, Fellowship Coordinator, at valerie.menocal@va.gov, with a resume and cover letter, by Monday, March 1, 2023. Preferred candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview and provide additional information soon thereafter.