| **Agency Name** | **Portland VA Medical Center (Hillsboro CBOC)** |
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| **Contact (Name, Degree, Agency Title)** | Bret Fuller, Ph.D.  BHIP Psychologist |
| **Address** | VA Portland HCS  3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road  Portland OR, 97239 |
| **Travel Time (from downtown Portland)** | 5 minutes (1.2 miles) |
| **Phone** | (503) 220-8262 x54469 |
| **Email: Send Practicum Application here** | **Attn: Rosie Getchell**  **Practicum Training Director**  **VA Portland Health Care System**  [**Roseann.getchell@va.gov**](mailto:Roseann.getchell@va.gov) |
| **Populations served** | Adult veterans |
| **Training experiences** | Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Practicum (1 year) |
| **Didactic Training** | Possibly – to be determined by practicum supervisors |
| **Supervision** | Provided by Dr. Bret Fuller |
| **Hours (e.g., hours of clinic operation,**  **required meeting times, months center**  **is in operation)** | M – F 8am – 4pm  Hours to be set by student and supervisor |
| **Evenings/Weekends?** | No |
| **Typical Number and Level of**  **Trainees** | Psychology Practicum Students: 1 |
| **Required classes (specify)** | See practicum description |
| **Prior training experience (specify)** | See practicum description |
| **Master’s degree required (Y/N)** | No |
| **Trainee level accepted (Prac I, II, III)** | See practicum description |
| **Additional Information** |  |

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Practicum

**Position**: Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Practicum Student

**Clinical Role**: Conduct brief psychotherapy, behavioral intervention, and assessment with veterans with a broad range of presenting concerns and diagnoses in an outpatient mental health clinic (included but not limited to depression, adjustment, grief, anxiety, PTSD and lifestyle changes, etc.). Appointments with veterans typically last 50 minutes on average. Telehealth and in person sessions available.

**Institution/Location**: VA Portland Health Care System

**Primary Supervisors**: Bret Fuller

**Hours**: 16 hours/week (two days per week) on Monday and Tuesday. One-year position (Start and end negotiable, likely summer 2023 to summer 2024)

# **Overview**

This is a part-time practicum position ideal for graduate students primarily interested in mental health therapy. Clinical Duties: The practicum student will carry a caseload of 6 – 8 therapy patients and document sessions in the computerized patient record system (CPRS) within expected time frames (generally same day but no later than 48 hours of session). Sessions typically last 50 minutes on average. Empirically supported treatments are preferred such as ACT, CBT, MI, assessment, and various other modalities. Other clinical opportunities may arise as available and based upon the student’s interest. Supervision: Supervision will consist of two hours of individual supervision with a licensed psychologist. Primary supervisor will be Bret Fuller.

Schedule/Hours

This is a part-time position with regular week-day hours (between 8:00am and 4:30pm). The practicum student should be available for a minimum of one day per week, and full days are strongly preferred to allow for optimal patient scheduling. Although the student’s hours will typically be on regularly scheduled days.

Qualifications

By the start of the practicum, applicants should have satisfactorily completed coursework in clinical interviewing, suicide/risk assessment, ethics, diversity and multicultural approaches to therapy, and brief psychotherapy/integrated care/health psychology. Applicants should have had prior supervised experience (e.g., practicum) and should be comfortable with clinical populations with a range of mental and medical illnesses. They should also be reliable, flexible, and able to work well with teams. Applicants with demonstrated experience in psychotherapy with adults will be favored.

Application Procedures

Interested applicants should contact the Director of Training, Rosie Getchell at [Roseann.getchell@va.gov](mailto:Roseann.getchell@va.gov) , who will pre-approve applicants. Once pre-approved, your cover letter and vitae will be sent to Bret Fuller at [bret.fuller@va.gov](mailto:bret.fuller@va.gov).

Please list any graduate coursework you have completed, including any coursework in interviewing, assessment, and psychotherapy approaches. Please also include your training goals both during the upcoming practicum year and beyond.

Eligible candidate(s) will be contacted for interviews and offers based on affiliated schools’ standard timelines. Students should be available to begin training by the end of August.