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Nashville VA Quality Scholars Program Clinical Psychology Post Doctoral Training

The Nashville VA Quality Scholars Program (<http://www.vaqs.org/nashville/>) is accepting applications for the position of post-doctoral scholars in clinical psychology. The Nashville program is part of the National VA Quality Scholars (VAQS) Program (<http://www.vaqs.org>), which develops leaders and scholars to improve healthcare. VAQS provides an interprofessional fellowship in healthcare quality improvement for physicians, doctoral-trained nurses, pharmacists, **clinical psychologists** and other health professionals.

Post-Doctoral Training: In this dedicated two-year fellowship, the VAQS program offers scholars opportunities to become leaders with knowledge and skills to:

- Improve health care delivery, health systems organization and management, and health professions education through interventions that exert positive influences in each domain
- Apply the knowledge and methods of health care quality improvement to the care of individual patients and populations
- Teach health professionals about healthcare improvement
- Perform research and develop new knowledge for the ongoing improvement of the quality and value of healthcare services

The Nashville VAQS Program is known for its robust research and quality improvement programs and close collaborations with Vanderbilt University and its vast array of resources. We leverage resources within our VA, across the VA nationally, and those available through our academic affiliate (Vanderbilt), including the Institute for Medicine and Public Health, the Center for Health Services Research, the Center for Clinical Quality and Implementation Research, the Center for Health Behavior and Health Education, the Department of Biomedical Informatics, the Vanderbilt Epidemiology Center, the Center for Surgical Quality and Outcomes Research, the Center for Quality Aging, the Schools of Management and Education, and the nationally recognized Precision Medicine Initiative and Population Health Initiative, among many others.

Training Curriculum: Fellows engage in quality improvement research projects and experiential learning opportunities at our site, as well as with the VAQS national didactic curriculum. Fellows spend approximately 80 percent of their time in healthcare improvement research and education and approximately 20 percent in clinical activities. The VA Quality Scholars curriculum consists of four courses:

- Quality Improvement Core
- Methods and Analysis
- Career and Scholarship
- Leading Healthcare Improvement.

Faculty at the Nashville VA Quality Scholars site are sought after for their breadth and depth of experience in quality improvement, implementation science, health services research, clinical epidemiology and outcomes research, health behavior, and clinical informatics. Our faculty strive to generate the evidence-basis for the content, processes and structures of clinical care, and designing and implementing transformational change across a wide variety of clinical specialties. There is integration and collaboration across other disciplines to advance population

health. In addition, faculty within the Vanderbilt Psychology Department and licensed PhD Clinical Psychologists working clinically either at the VA or Vanderbilt are available to mentor and supervise clinical psychology fellows.

Required Qualifications: Clinical and counseling psychology applicants, prior to beginning the fellowship, must possess an advanced degree and have completed all requirements from an accredited doctoral program (American Psychological Association (APA), Canadian Psychological Association in relevant clinical degree areas, or Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)). All Fellowship participants serve as trainees on a temporary, full-time employment basis for the duration of the appointment period.

Application Deadline: On a rolling basis.

To Apply: Please refer to website (<http://www.vags.org/nashville/>) and email Sandra.Simmons@vumc.org or any of the other Senior Scholars.

Required Application Materials:

- 1) Letter of interest speaking directly to interests and qualifications that align with the VA Quality Scholar program
- 2) Current resume or curriculum vitae
- 3) Interview by phone or in person