



2021-2022 COHORT STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has awarded GSSW federal funding to expand the behavioral health workforce in Colorado focused on medically underserved and rural communities. A limited number of \$10,000 stipends are available for this academic year. All students who are completing their advanced standing or concentration year field placements are eligible to apply.

Integrated Behavioral Health

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality¹, Integrated Behavioral Health is defined as The care a patient experiences as a result of a team of primary care and behavioral health clinicians, working together with patients and families, using a systematic and cost-effective approach to provide patient-centered care for a defined population. This care may address mental health and substance use conditions, health behaviors (including their contribution to chronic mental illnesses), life stressors and crises, stress-related physical symptoms, and ineffective patterns of healthcare utilization.

Concentration/Advanced Standing Field Internship

In addition to an emphasis on cultural and linguistic competency in medically underserved and rural communities, preferred internship sites may include the following:

- placement in an integrated primary care outpatient clinic
- primary care health team working alongside behavioral health providers
- utilization of evidence-based practices for mental health & substance use interventions in these health settings

Application Requirements

The selection process for the CLIMB@DU stipend is competitive. Applications will be available at the beginning of the spring quarter. The following information must be received by the application deadline stated on the application for candidates to be considered:

- fully completed application
- personal essay
- Field Confirmation Form confirming a secured field internship that meets the IBH requirements stated above

Students who are awarded the CLIMB@DU stipend must also provide a Letter of Support from their Field Placement Supervisor in early September, prior to stipend payments starting. Failure to provide this letter in the time allowed will result in the student forfeiting the stipend.

Priority application deadline is **July 1, 2021**. Applications will be accepted after the priority deadline *if* there are still stipends available *until* all available stipends have been awarded.

¹ <https://www.ahrq.gov/index.html>



Applications can be accessed on the CLIMB@DU website:
<http://portfolio.du.edu/CLIMB/page/95223>

Cultural and Linguistic Competency

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Cultural and Linguistic Competency is defined as

The ability of health care providers and health care organizations to understand and respond effectively to the cultural and linguistic needs brought by the patient to the health care encounter.

Mandatory In-Services & Curricular Requirements of CLIMB@DU

- Attend mandatory cohort meetings once a month beginning in the fall quarter
- Participate in outreach activities to prospective CLIMB@DU students upon request
- Participate in CLIMB@DU coordinated career activities including taking licensure prep exam
- Participate in CLIMB@DU Interprofessional Speaker Series
- Participate in CLIMB@DU Fall Kickoff /Orientation in early September
- Participate in Intercultural Development Inventory Pre (Fall) and Post (Spring)
- Participate in other CLIMB@DU networking events throughout the academic year
- Participate in Interregional Internship Exchange in Spring – (urban to rural: rural to urban) details TBD
- Participate in CLIMB@DU evaluation activities, including follow-up surveys for 5 years post-graduation
- Must maintain and successfully complete required concentration internship hours in IBH internship and demonstrate positive progress on field competencies
- Required Course Work
 - **Integrated Healthcare class** (SW4401) – Methods/Skills – 3 credits
 - **Cultural & Linguistic Competency in Integrated Behavioral Health** (SW4990) – Values – 3 Credits (Online – Asynchronous/Synchronous Hybrid – CANVAS) – Winter
 - **Psychopharmacology** (SW4990)– Elective – 1 credit (Weekend/Hybrid) - Spring

For questions about the CLIMB@DU program, please contact the Program Manager: erin.poole@du.edu.