

National Mental Health Workforce Acceleration Collaborative

NMHWAC Overview

To address the MH/SU treatment workforce shortage and increase the number of diverse licensed clinicians serving clients, Kaiser Permanente, in partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing (National Council), [Resilient Georgia](#), Georgia Association of Community Service Boards, Metro State University – Denver, Colorado Health Institute, and the Colorado Behavioral Health Council are launching the [National Mental Health Workforce Acceleration Collaborative \(NMHWAC\)](#).

NMHWAC Goals

1. Increase percentage of master’s degree graduates who become licensed in target states.
2. Increase number of patients served by partially qualified pre- and post-master’s associates.
3. Increase diversity (e.g., race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, language, and cultural) of fully licensed master’s level mental health professionals in targeted states.
4. Improve HRSA health professional shortage area scores in identified target communities.

Post-Master’s Degree Program

The **Post-Master’s Degree Program** aims to increase the number of qualified licensed mental health and substance use treatment clinicians, while increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in patient-facing mental health and substance use treatment positions. The program will support organizations (sites) in employing and retaining mental health professionals (candidates) that are on track to clinical licensures.

Sites will receive direct funding from the National Council to help cover a portion of a candidate's salary and supervision costs, and license application fee. Critical to ensuring successful completion of licensure, the National Council will also leverage partnerships with Motivo Health for virtual supervision services (for placement sites that cannot provide the clinical support) and AATBS, a Triad Company for licensure exam support for all candidates. Beginning in Fall of 2023, the Post-Master’s Degree Program in Georgia will have 5 Cohorts, funding a **total of 39 candidates**.

Cohort 1 Sites:



Cohort 2 Sites:



Cohort 3 Sites:



Wellstar GME Family Medicine



Cohort 4 Sites:



Pre-Master's Degree Fellowship Program

In the Fall of 2024, the NMHWAC program will launch the **Pre-Master's Degree Program**. This program supports internship placement sites in hosting current master's students ("Fellows") who are pursuing a career in mental health and substance use treatment. Selected NMHWAC academic partners will assist in recruiting students pursuing a master's degree in clinical social work, mental health counseling, or marriage and family therapy seeking to complete their final program year clinical internship placement.

Fellows will receive financial support through a monthly stipend, training in the field of MH/SU treatment, and technical assistance to support their career and educational growth. Approved internship placement sites will receive a benefit payment to help cover the cost of the Fellow's supervision. The Pre-Master's Degree Program in Georgia will have two cohorts (AY2024-2025/AY2025-2026), funding a **total of 32 fellows**.

Fellowship Year 1 Academic Partners:

