



## **Palliative Care Clinical Social Work Fellowship**

### **Affiliated with the M Health Palliative Care Program**

#### **Program Description**

A postgraduate Clinical Social Work Fellowship in Palliative Care is offered through the Palliative Care Program of the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Palliative Care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses. It is appropriate at any age and any stage of disease and aims to improve quality of life for patients and their families. The fellowship is a training program that is part of our comprehensive palliative care clinical services and interdisciplinary professional training services. Supervised clinical social work experience is provided on an inpatient interdisciplinary consultation service and in an outpatient palliative care clinic. Additional learning opportunities are available based on the fellow's experience and areas of professional interest. The fellow participates in palliative care team rounds and case discussions, teaching rounds, fellow didactics, journal club, palliative care trainings, and department planning meetings. This program is designed to train leaders in palliative care clinical social work, with an emphasis on advocacy.

The fellowship is fulltime for a period of twelve months. The next cycle will begin on or about July 1, 2017. In addition to providing clinical social work interventions in both inpatient and outpatient settings, it is expected that the fellow will choose and develop a clinical project. This project should have direct and/or indirect benefit to patients and families and should include an educational component for other staff.

Training in clinical hypnosis will be provided to the fellow in early June through attendance at the annual training sponsored by the University of Minnesota Continuing Medical Education and the Minnesota Society of Clinical Hypnosis (prior to the start of the fellowship) if the fellow is able to attend. Clinical supervision in the fellowship will then include supervision of clinical hypnosis skill development.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the fellowship the applicant must have a Masters in Social Work degree from an accredited school of social work by the time the fellowship begins. The applicant must demonstrate interest in the area of palliative care and intent to use the fellowship training not only to increase her/his skills in clinical social work in the area of palliative care but also to contribute to the field and improve services to patients and their families. The fellow must be licensed to practice social work in the state of Minnesota (at the LGSW, LISW, or LICSW level) before the start of the fellowship. (Note: Graduating MSWs who have passed the licensing exam by the application deadline are eligible to apply for the fellowship.)

#### **Stipend**

The twelve month, fulltime fellowship includes a stipend of \$31,200 and benefits, including Paid Time Off (accrued at 7.4 hours per two week full time pay period) and health insurance (toward which the fellow must contribute, amount depending on the option chosen).

#### **Application Process and Timelines**

The application can be found at <http://www.fairview.org/Services/PalliativeCare/Fellowship/>. Applicants must submit all application materials together either in one packet by mail OR in one email. All paper applications need to be sent by USPS mail delivery and not another mail delivery service. Please note that all official transcripts should be sent by mail even if the application is submitted by email.

#### **For More Information**

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