

## BHWET Training Site Requirements

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The Behavioral Health Workforce and Education Training (BHWET) Program is a federally funded grant through the Health Resources and Services Agency (HRSA) with a goal of improving the distribution of well trained, culturally competent, and trauma-focused behavioral healthcare providers serving children, adolescents, and young adults. There is an emphasis on integrated, team-based behavioral health and clinical social work service delivery.

Students accepted to the BHWET Program through the University of Alabama School of Social Work are 2<sup>nd</sup> year MSW or Advanced Standing MSW students who have completed a rigorous application and interview process. Cohorts are limited in capacity, provide a generous stipend to accepted students, and equip students with additional training and professional development opportunities during practicum. Trainees demonstrate the skills, motivations, and competency to enter placement with an agency that can offer the experience necessary to enter the behavioral health workforce after graduation.

For an agency to support a BHWET student, the following criteria must be met and maintained:

- 1) Be established as a partnering agency with the School of Social Work and meet all placement requirements set forth by the Practicum Education Program including a signed Affiliation Agreement.
- 2) Provide interns with learning opportunities specifically targeting children, adolescents, or young adults (up to age 25) with behavioral health concerns in an integrated health setting.
- 3) Expose interns to interprofessional collaboration and communication within the agency setting.
- 4) Provide opportunity for direct clinical experience utilizing trauma-informed behavioral health service delivery.

Examples of appropriate learning opportunities for BHWET students may include:

Orientation to agency including mission and vision, introduction to team, training

Shadowing and provision of individual, group, or family therapy

Completion of clinical assessments

Providing psychoeducation sessions

Shadowing and administering skills training sessions

Joining interdisciplinary team meetings

Shadowing of psychologists, counselors, doctors, nurses, educators, or other members of the interprofessional team

Participation in clinical trainings or seminars

Weekly supervision

Case consultation

Providing case management with a clinical focus

Provision of crisis intervention services

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