The Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention's two-year fellowship program is designed to provide psychologists and physicians with the experience necessary to become leaders and innovators in suicide prevention research among Veterans. Consistent with the strategic mission of our Center, our fellowship program puts primary emphasis on public health approaches to suicide prevention in a vibrant interdisciplinary setting that fosters rich and creative collaborations.

Our Research

Fellows collaborate with investigators and clinical supervisors from the fields of psychology, psychiatry, medicine, nursing, social work, epidemiology and health services. 

Meet the investigators currently accepting fellows for the 2021-23 program!

- Nicholas Allan, Ph.D.
  - targets brief interventions addressing risk factors for mood, anxiety, substance use and suicide-related outcomes.

- Tracy Stecker, Ph.D.
  - aims to increase help-seeking behavior and mental health treatment engagement.

- Robert Bossarte, Ph.D.
  - focuses on predictive modeling for suicide risk and integration of big data analytics into mental health practice.

- Todd Bishop, Ph.D.
  - examines the sleep-suicide relationship, particularly the influence sleep disturbance has on suicidal behavior.

- Elizabeth Karras-Pilato, Ph.D.
  - studies the use of communication strategies in public health approaches among at-risk Veterans.

- Lisham Ashrafioun, Ph.D.
  - conducts overlapping research on chronic pain management and substance use, particularly opioid misuse and mitigation.

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Program Eligibility

Prospective Ph.D. applicants must have completed a doctoral degree program in clinical or counseling psychology, as well as a doctoral internship in psychology.

Prospective MD or DO applicants must have completed a residency and be board certified or board eligible in their medical specialty.

Applications due January 4, 2021 and can be found on the CoE website.

https://www.mirecc.va.gov/suicideprevention/education/fellowship.asp