WHAT IS BHWELL?

The Illinois Behavioral Health Workforce Education, Learning & Leadership (BHWELL) scholars program offers specialized training in the integration of behavioral and mental health (IBH) care into primary care settings in rural and underserved communities.

Together with community partners and eligible primary care sites, BHWELL creates opportunities for scholars to do field placements in integrated healthcare settings in rural, non-metro or underserved areas throughout Illinois.

BHWELL scholars earn a stipend of $10,000 during their 2-semester field placement (internship).

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BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Opportunity to participate in specialized training in integrated behavioral health before and during Field Placement
- Learn best practices for promoting patient and family-centered care in rural and medically underserved areas
- Train and work with interprofessional teams throughout the program
- Learn how to turn challenges into opportunities for improved patient care and community health
- Certificate in Integrated Care upon completion of the program

$10,000 scholarship stipend during the required 2-semester internship

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Acceptance into our MSW program; maintain good standing
- Take the BHWELL seminar, participate in interprofessional training opportunities, and take courses such as SW in healthcare, behavioral health consulting, integrated healthcare policy, substance use disorders and cognitive behavioral therapy
- Participate in one or more interprofessional training opportunities offered prior to internship
- Successfully interview and secure a match with a BHWELL-approved site for a 2-semester internship focused on IBH
- Have a passion for working in rural or underserved communities
- Complete the online application (see website for due dates)

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING SITES

- Opportunity to expand IBH in your community with an MSW intern
- Explore which Integrated Care model and services work best for you
- Participate in tailored healthcare trainings for student and teams
- Bi-monthly check-in with Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) clinical trainer on implementation
- Build a community and university partnership to promote health

SITE ELIGIBILITY

- Willingness to implement integrated care screenings and services
- Be a primary care site or work closely with primary healthcare team
- Encourage interprofessional learning
- Be (or become) a University of Illinois School of Social Work approved field placement site (please contact us)