

National Mental Health Workforce Acceleration Collaborative

Addressing the Nation's Mental Health Workforce Shortage

The National Mental Health Workforce Acceleration Collaborative (aka Accelerator) program expands access to mental health and substance use care by increasing the number of licensed clinicians and building a workforce that reflects the communities it serves. In this program, **post-master's candidates receive up to \$10,000 in milestone-based incentives**, including cash stipends and professional development support.

Key Program Benefits

- **Up to \$10,000 in incentives**
 - Milestone-based incentives for licensure progress and completion
 - Up to \$8,300 provided in cash stipends
 - Up to \$1,700 provided in professional development benefits
- **Comprehensive support**
 - Professional development opportunities
 - Library of resources to support the licensure journey
 - Live and on-demand training and technical assistance from experts in the field
 - Peer support groups, mentorship and other networking opportunities

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

An eligible candidate for the Accelerator program should be a full-time employee who:

- **Holds a master's degree** (or will graduate soon) from an accredited program in counseling psychology, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work or substance use/addiction counseling.
- **Is pursuing or is planning to pursue clinical licensure** in social work, professional counseling, marriage and family therapy or substance use/addiction counseling.
- Is early in their licensure journey (less than 20% of clinical and supervision hours accrued).
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Is committed to serving communities with unmet needs.
- Is employed by (or has an offer from) an eligible mental health or community organization.

Eligible Employment Sites

- Mental health and substance use treatment centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Academic health institutions
- School-based and mobile outreach services
- Nonprofit community-based providers (for-profit private practices are generally not eligible)

Have questions or want to learn more?

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