**University of Maryland HEALS Program 2020-2021**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**What is UMB HEALS?**

The University of Maryland Social Work Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (UM-HEALS) program is a clinical skills and leadership training program for BSW students and advanced year MSW students interested in healthcare service delivery to vulnerable populations. The UM-HEALS program is one of 10 sites across the nation that is funded by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Annually, two BSW HEALS Scholars and two MSW HEALS Scholars are selected to receive interprofessional development opportunities, specialized seminars, focused coursework, a $4000 Stipend, and travel funds to attend a policy, education, and networking event in Washington, DC, with other HEALS scholars across the country.

**Who can apply for the program?**

The following two student populations are eligible for this program: (1) BSW Students who are participating in their senior year field placement in a health setting and (2) MSW students entering their advanced year who are in the **Health Specialization** and have a Clinical or Clinical/Macro concentration. You are not eligible to apply if you will be participating in a different training grant (for example, BHWISE)

**What are the MSW HEALS requirements?**

* **Completing the Health Specialization** with a Clinical concentration or Clinical/Macro concentration
* **Completing a 1-credit interprofessional education (IPE) course SWCL 779 Interprofessional Collaboration in Healthcare Delivery** offered Spring 2021 semester
* Completing one **rotation in the President’s Clinic** (IPE training in pediatric gastrointestional clinic; each rotation consists of three afternoons learning alongside students across professional disciplines; rotations will be coordinated through the SSW Field Office and typically occur in the Fall semester)
* Participating in the annual **UMB IPE Day,** typically held early April.
* **Participating in mentor meetings with Project Director Melissa Bellin** to integrate your field experience and learn from other UM-HEALS Scholars
* **Attending a healthcare social work education and policy event Spring 2021** in Washington, DC (travel and lodging allowance is provided).
* Completing a brief **Reflection Paper (2-3 pages)** delineating “lessons learned” across the HEALS programming events
* **Signing a commitment letter**, stating intent to pursue employment in healthcare upon graduation.

**What field placement options are available for UM-HEALS students?**

HEALS-approved field placements are diverse and expanding. Examples of approved sites include the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore VA Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Kennedy Krieger Institute, National Institutes of Health, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the Governor’s Wellmobile, the Coordinating Center, Mercy Medical Center, Chase Brexton Health Services, St. Agnes Hospital Cancer Center, and the Whitman Walker Health Center.

**How do I apply?**

By May 15, 2020 (11:59pm), the following materials must be submitted to Dr. Melissa Bellin (mbellin@ssw.umaryland.edu) for MSW students only and Dr. Carolyn Tice tice@umbc.edu for BSW students only:

* **The one-page HEALS Student Application**
* **Field Instructor Reference—MSW Students only** (MSW field instructor should email this reference form directly to Dr. Melissa Bellin at mbellin@ssw.umaryland.edu)
* **UM-HEALS Commitment Letter**
* 2-3 page letter describing your career interest and previous experience in health social work practice including interprofessional teamwork, care/transition coordination, family-centered engagement, and service delivery to vulnerable health populations.
* Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision by late May 2020.

**Who can I contact with more questions?**

For questions about the **UM-HEALS application or program, contact Melissa Bellin (**mbellin@ssw.umaryland.edu) (MSW students), or Carolyn Tice (tice@umbc.edu) (BSW students).