Fellowship Openings for July 2022

The Boston Medical Center / VA Boston Healthcare System Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship is a one year (PGY 5) Fellowship program that was accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in 1997. Under the leadership of two nationally recognized addiction psychiatrists, Dr. John Renner and Dr. Michael Dawes, and other outstanding faculty at each training site, our Fellowship provides psychiatric physicians with advanced training in the recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders.

The primary training site is at VA Jamaica Plain Campus in Boston, where Fellows gain extensive experience using methadone and buprenorphine in treatment of patients with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders (COD). An Opioid Rapid Access Clinic provides an opportunity to manage OUDs in an acute setting while the long-term management of OUD patients takes place in a continuity clinic. The continuity clinic also provides Fellows a wide range of patients with other substance use disorders and co-occurring psychiatric disorders. A comprehensive series of didactic presentations and interactive learning opportunities is led by experts to round out the learning experience at the Jamaica Plain campus. Didactics and interactive learning didactics are complemented by a Journal Club that offers Fellows a collegial setting to explore the extant literature on substance abuse disorders.

Expert training at other renowned tertiary care facilities in the greater Boston area ensures that graduates are clinically competent and knowledgeable, and are comfortable in assessing and treating complex patients presenting with substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorders (SUD/COD). Clinical rotations combined with comprehensive curricula promote broad expertise and an informed perspective to pursue a career in Addiction Psychiatry. Curricula and interactive learning includes knowledge of history of substance use disorders, sociological and public policy aspects of addictions, as well as roles of mutual-support groups, spirituality, and community-reinforcement aspects of treatment of the addictions.

To complement the outpatient training experiences at VA Jamaica Plain, Fellows also rotate through the Boston Medical Center, the primary safety net hospital for Boston (emergency department, addiction medicine consultation, adolescent services, outpatient adult Addiction Psychiatry); Brigham and Women’s Hospital (addiction consultation services, addiction treatment services for pregnant women, and management of complex inpatient detoxification); and Boston Codman Square Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (collaborative care teamwork treating patients with SUD/COD).

Opportunities to participate in research and quality improvement projects are available at all of the primary rotation sites. Fellows are provided with substantial elective time and are encouraged to pursue scholarly interests, for which a wide variety of mentors are available.

*Please visit our website for more information and interested candidates should contact Program Administrator Lynne Rose via email at lynne.rose@bmc.org*