VT - TREE
Traineeship Program

Student Commitment Statement

A. By accepting admittance into the VT-TREE traineeship program, I,

understand that I am committing to the following six requirements:

1) Completing the required field internship in a behavioral health setting or integrated health setting
2) Successfully completing the MSW or Counseling graduate programs and complete 3 to 6 credits of coursework in trauma, resilience, and equity focused interprofessional collaboration as part of a graduate certificate in Resiliency Based & Trauma Informed Practices: https://learn.uvm.edu/program/trauma-informed-practices/
3) Participate in seminars held once per semester
4) Seek employment in second year field placement agency should one become available, be offered & works for you
5) Complete evaluations related to your experience in the VT TREE Program

B. I understand that if I leave the graduate program or field placement for any reason, stipends will end immediately. In addition, non-compliance with any of the other terms may lead to repayment or discontinuation of stipend support provided through this opportunity.

C. Per Student Financial Aid Policies: I understand that stipends will be distributed once per semester (Fall & Spring). I understand that I will still be eligible for financial aid up to the cost of attendance minus the stipend amount of $10,000. Federal financial aid policies require that all estimated financial assistance be factored into the overall financial aid award offer. This includes amounts awarded as stipends to support living expenses that are not considered compensation. If you apply for Federal Financial Aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the maximum amount of Federal Loan funding you may borrow, if eligible, will be your total Cost of Attendance, less the VT-TREE stipend, if offered to you, and less any other aid you are receiving, which might include tuition remission, outside scholarships, etc. For more information about Cost of Attendance and the types if aid that may be available to you, please visit www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices

The cost of attendance includes, tuition and fees, in addition to expenses related to housing, meals, books, and personal expenses. I understand that this stipend could potential impact my financial aid award (we strongly urge all trainees to contact Student Financial Services to understand the potential impact upon student accounts (see https://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices or email: Kimberly.Meilleur@uvm.edu for more information about your specific individual circumstances and potential impact on financial aid)
If I have questions or concerns about the commitments stated in this document, I will be able to address these with the Co-PIs, Dr. Christine Velez and/or Dr. Mercedes Avila.

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Trainee Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

Co-PI Signature ___________________________ Date ____________