What is VT-TREE?

This is a training grant funded by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for 2nd year counseling & social work graduate students interested in careers in integrated and behavioral health settings working with historically underserved and underrepresented communities.

Trauma Informed Workshops with Nationally Recognized Scholars

1. “Race-Based Traumatic Stress: An Introduction to Assessment, Conceptualization, and Treatment” facilitated by Dr. Portia Allie-Turco on Friday, September 8th from 2-5 PM EST

2. “Structural competence & Cultural Humility to Address Disparities & Inequities” facilitated by Dr. Mercedes Avila on Friday, September 29th from 2-6 PM EST

3. “Navigating Intergenerational Trauma to Foster Well-Being in Families” facilitated by Dr. Joshuua Allison-Burbank on Friday, October 27th from 2-4/5 PM EST

4. “Trauma, Resilience & Substance Misuse” facilitated by Dr. Danica Love Brown tentatively on Friday, February 9th, 2024

5. “Trauma-Informed Approaches & Working with Refugee Children in k-12 Settings” facilitated by Dr. Saida Abdi tentatively on Friday, March 1st 2024 from 2-4/5 PM EST

6. “Climate Grief, Trauma & Resilience in Rural Direct Practice” facilitated by Rachel Forbes, MSW on Friday, April 5th from 2-4/5 PM EST

Program Activities

- Students are required to attend 6, 2-4 hour long online asynchronous sessions
- Successful engagement/completion of 2nd year field internship
- Participation in program evaluation, orientation & wrap up session
- All students receive a $10,000 stipend*

Program Eligibility

- MSW & Counseling students in their 2nd year of study, including part time students in their 2nd internship
- Students who self-identify as diverse/historically underrepresented in one of the following underrepresented identities: racial, ethnic, cultural, geographic, religious, linguistic, gender and sexual orientations.
- As this is a federal grant, only US citizens and LPR’s are eligible

Questions?

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*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 of aid you can receive, please consult the Financial Aid Office at your institution.

To apply please access our application on our [VT-TREE Program Website](#)