



VT-TREE
Traineeship Program

Vermont Trauma Resiliency & Equity Education Initiative (VT TREE)

What is [VT-TREE](#)?

This is a training grant funded by the **H**ealth **R**esources & **S**ervices **A**dministration (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. “Structural Competence & Cultural Humility to Address Disparities & Inequities” facilitated by [Dr. Mercedes Avila](#) on Friday, August 30th from 2-5:30 PM EST
2. “Race-based Traumatic Stress: An Introduction to Assessment, Conceptualization, and Treatment” with [Dr. Portia Allie-Turco](#) **Part I** Friday, September 6th from 2-5 PM EST
3. “Race-based Traumatic Stress: An Introduction to Assessment, Conceptualization, and Treatment” with [Dr. Portia Allie-Turco](#) **Part II** Friday, October 4th from 2-5 PM EST
4. “Navigating Intergenerational Trauma to Foster Well-Being in Families” facilitated by [Dr. Joshuaa Allison-Burbank](#) on Friday, November 1st From 2-5 PM EST
5. “Culture and Connection in Healing of Trauma and Substance Use” facilitated by [Dr. Danica Love Brown](#) *tentatively* on Friday (February TBD) 2-5 PM EST
6. “Trauma-Informed Approaches & Working with Refugee Children in k-12 Settings” facilitated by [Dr. Saida Abdi](#) *tentatively* on Friday (March TBD) 2-5 PM EST
7. “Climate Grief, Trauma & Resilience in Rural Direct Practice” facilitated by [Rachel Forbes, MSW](#) on Friday (April TBD) 2-5 PM EST

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

Program Activities

- Students are required to attend 7, 2-4 hour online asynchronous sessions via Zoom
- Successful engagement in & completion of 2nd year field internship
- Participation in program evaluation (surveys), 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
- Students interested in careers in behavioral health & interdisciplinary practice

Questions?

- Please contact Esther Doh, MSW, at ndoh@med.uvm.edu
- Program PI's: [Dr. Christine Velez](#) & [Dr. Mercedes Avila](#)

*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 that may be available to you, please visit www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices