



Qualified Treatment Trainees Grants Program

QTT Grants Program Information Session Now is the Time 2021

Jessica Smith, Director
Ben Mompier, QTT Grants Program Coordinator
Carole Carlson, Professional Development Coordinator
Brenda Johansen, Research & Data Manager
Kadeesha Duncan, MSW Field Student/Community of Practice
Facilitator



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Center for Inclusive
Transition, Education
and Employment



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Center for Inclusive Transition Education and Employment (CITEE)

Welcome!

Website: www.uww.edu/qtt

Email: QTTGrants@uww.edu



Vision & Goals of the QTT Grants Program

Increase the number of qualified mental health professionals in the state of Wisconsin

What is the QTT Grants Program?

- Statewide grants program intended to support Qualified Treatment Trainees (QTTs) during supervisory period of pursuing advanced clinical licensure.
- Goals of the program:
 - Increase capacity to hire and supervise QTTs
 - Provide resources to allow agencies to increase high-quality supervision
 - Invest in ongoing supervisor development
- Four grant types: Expanding Agency, Emerging Agency, Supplemental Accommodations, QTT Intern

Who can apply?

- Agencies who meet the following criteria:
 - Provide outpatient mental health services to Wisconsin residents
 - Who are **eligible** to bill Medicaid (regardless of actual billing)
 - Currently employ or plan to employ a post-graduate level QTT or intern
- Disciplines of focus include: Social Workers, Counselors, and Marriage and Family Therapists
- Who will participate in grant activities?
 - Designated supervisors
 - Agency administrators/manager
 - Trainee (QTT)

What kind of grants are available?

Grant Type	Eligibility	Funding Amount
QTT Expanding Agency	Ability to hire additional post-graduate QTTs	\$20,000 per award
QTT Emerging Agency	Agency that requires some preparation work before being able to hire additional post-graduate QTTs	\$5,000 available as one or more awards
QTT Intern Award	Ability to provide placements for additional QTT interns	\$20,000 per award
Supplemental Accommodations Award	Support of a QTT in need of communications-related accommodations	\$25,000 available as one or more awards

How can I prepare to apply for the grants program?

- Assess readiness
 - Willingness to engage in professional development on supervision
 - Identify a QTT source
 - Identify a designated supervisor
 - Prepare to answer some questions about your agency's QTT hiring history, supervision capacity, Medicaid billing, and populations served
- Review priority criteria in Grants Program Description
 - Found at: www.uww.edu/qtt
- Review application guide prior to beginning application

Grant Priority Criteria – What makes a strong application?

- Consumer Characteristics
 - Serving population at or below poverty level
 - Serving communities of color
 - Serving disadvantaged groups
- Service Provider Characteristics
 - DHS 35 clinic
 - Medicaid Billing
 - Low-cost and/or free/charitable services
 - HPSA Underserved
 - Underserved geographic area

Grant Priority Criteria (Cont.)

- Organization goals and commitments
 - Commitment to tele-mental health
 - Commitment to engaging in professional development of QTT and QTT supervisors
 - Diversity competence and hiring practices.
- Supervision characteristics
 - Commitment to increasing hiring of post-graduate QTTs
 - Organizational readiness and supervisory experience.

What if I have questions when completing my application?

- Individual feedback will not be provided
- Questions received by email during the open application period will be reviewed and added to the FAQ
- Carefully review the application guide, program description, and priority criteria to complete the application

Program Activities

- Orientation webinar – 1 hour introductory webinar
- Initial supervisory practice workshop – 1 day, 6 hour workshop
- Community of practice - monthly 1 hour sessions over 6 months
- Supervisory session checklist & other ongoing assessment - Ongoing
- Total time commitment - approximately 15 hours over 6 months

QTT Supervisor Professional Development - What to expect?

- Community of Practice
 - Skill building
 - Peer to peer collaboration
 - Role-playing/demonstration
 - Reflection on your supervisory practices
 - Use of best practices based on research
 - CEUs available!
 - Low cost
 - Full participation 12 contact hours

Timeline

- Applications open - 8/23/21
- Applications close – 9/20/21
- Award notifications begin -10/12/21
- Orientation webinar – 10/20/21 2pm-3pm
- Initial workshop – 11/10/21 9am-3pm
- Monthly Community of Practice sessions – December-May
- All grant activities due – 5/31/22

Questions?



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Inclusive Transition,
Education and
Employment Projects