

# ADVANCED POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN VETERAN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention's two-year fellowship program is designed to provide psychologists and physicians with the experience necessary to **become leaders and innovators in suicide prevention research** among Veterans. Consistent with the strategic mission of our Center, our fellowship program puts primary emphasis on **public health approaches to suicide prevention** in a vibrant interdisciplinary setting that fosters rich and creative collaborations.

## Our Research

Fellows collaborate with investigators and clinical supervisors from the fields of psychology, psychiatry, medicine, nursing, social work, epidemiology and health services.

*Meet some of the investigators currently accepting fellows for the 2022-24 program!*

Nicholas Allan,  
Ph.D.



targets brief interventions addressing risk factors for **mood, anxiety, substance use** and **suicide-related outcomes**.

Tracy Stecker,  
Ph.D.



aims to increase **help-seeking behavior** and mental health **treatment engagement**.

Peter Britton,  
Ph.D.



studies **risk mitigation** among Veterans who are **hospitalized** or call the **Veterans Crisis Line**.

Wil Pigeon,  
Ph.D.



examines the **intersection of sleep research and suicide prevention**.

Elizabeth  
Karras-Pilato, Ph.D.



studies the use of **communication strategies** in public health approaches among at-risk Veterans.

Lisham  
Ashrafioun, Ph.D.



conducts overlapping research on **chronic pain management** and **substance use**, particularly **opioid misuse** and **mitigation**.

## Program Eligibility

Prospective Ph.D. applicants must have completed a doctoral degree program in clinical or counseling psychology, as well as a doctoral internship in psychology.

Prospective MD or DO applicants must have completed a residency and be board certified or board eligible in their medical specialty.

**Applications due  
JANUARY 3, 2022**  
and can be found  
on the CoE website.

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