

Mentored Clinician Quality Improvement Program (MC-QIP)

What we offer

The goal of the Mentored Clinician Quality Improvement Program (MC-QIP) is to develop experts in quality improvement (QI) through tailored training to meet providers “where they are” and advance their skills to improve mental health services at their facility and/or within the VISN. To achieve this goal, clinicians may participate in:

- Mentorship from QI experts
- Online didactic curriculum
- Experiential learning
- Summative Experience

Who Should Take This Training?

Frontline mental health providers and operations staff who oversee mental health programs who are passionate about enhancing clinical care and interested in overseeing the implementation and sustainment of relevant clinical programs or evidence-based practice within a VA health care facility. Learners must have approval from their immediate supervisor to participate in this program.

Program structure

The three general tracks are outlined below and will be further tailored based on learners’ QI experience and goals.

Introductory Track

Ideal for those embarking on their QI journey. It is focused on establishing foundational knowledge and skills in QI science and will enable clinicians to identify project opportunities in their practice. This track includes:

- One-on-one mentorship including attention to the learner’s professional QI development and potential QI next steps.
 - 8-10 hours self-paced didactic learning
 - Submit a final reflection plan
- Learners complete track in three to six months.

Intermediate Track

Best suited for those who have a QI project in mind and need foundational or enhanced QI skills and knowledge to complete the project. This track includes:

- One-on-one mentorship is more frequent and “active.” where mentors consult and/or collaborate on the identified project and work the learner and local leadership to identify how best to ensure the learner has protected time to engage in these activities.
- 18-20 hours of self-paced didactic, interactive learning activities, and coaching.
- Submit a final reflection plan or poster.

Learners complete this track in six to 12 months.

Advanced Track

Ideal for those with an existing QI project with a need for foundational QI knowledge and skills and/or an understanding of behavior change elements critical to QI project implementation and sustainability. The track includes:

- One-on-one mentorship focused on supporting the learner as a project manager and emerging QI leader.
- 20-24 hours of self-paced didactic learning, interactive activities, and coaching to help learners develop as leaders in QI.
- Complete capstone presentation on current state of their QI project.

Learners are expected to complete this track in 6 to 12 months.

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