

University of Maryland HEALS Program 2015-2016 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is UMB HEALS?

The University of Maryland Social Work Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (UM-HEALS) program is a skills and leadership training program for BSW students and advanced year MSW students interested in delivering healthcare services to children, adolescents, and adults and their families. In each year of the five-year program, 2 BSW HEALS Scholars and 2 MSW HEALS Scholars will receive inter-professional development opportunities, specialized seminars, focused coursework, and a \$5,500 Stipend, with \$4,000 of that amount in stipend funds and \$1,500 of it allocated for travel support to attend a policy and education event.

Who can apply for the program?

The following two student populations are eligible for this program: (1) BSW Students who are participating in their senior year field placement in a health setting and (2) MSW students entering their advanced year who are in the **Health Specialization** and have a Clinical or Clinical/Macro concentration.

What are the requirements for the program?

In order to qualify for this program, **an applicant must have a career interest in healthcare service delivery**. Other requirements include:

- **Completing the Health Specialization** with a Clinical concentration or Clinical/Macro concentration (MSW students only)
- **Completing a minimum of 1 interprofessional education (IPE) activity at UMB or UMBC** such as a new 1-credit course on Inter-professional Approaches to Health Care (offered at UMB Spring 2016), UMB's President's Clinic, annual UMB IPE day (Spring 2016), UMB Interprofessional Patient Management Competition (Spring 2016); 3-credit Interprofessional Approaches to the Critical Ill Patient (UMB-Shady Grove campus Fall 2015);
- **Attending monthly mentor meetings with Project Director Melissa Bellin** to integrate your field experience and learn from other HEALS Scholars
- **Attending a semi-annual seminar** with an invited speaker and roundtable discussion on an emerging topic in health social work practice
- **Attending a 1.5 day health care social work education and policy event** in Washington, DC (\$1,500 travel allowance is provided).
- **Signing a commitment letter**, stating intent to pursue employment in healthcare upon graduation.

What field placement options are available for UM-HEALS students?

HEALS-approved field placements are diverse and expanding. Examples of approved sites include the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore VA Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Kennedy Krieger Institute, National Institutes of Health, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the Governor's Wellmobile, the Coordinating Center, Mercy Medical Center, Chase Brexton Health Services, St. Agnes Hospital Cancer Center, and the Whitman Walker Health Center.

How do I apply?

By June 26, 2015 (11:59pm), the following materials must be submitted to Dr. Melissa Bellin (mbellin@sww.umaryland.edu) for MSW students only and Dr. Carolyn Tice (tice@umbc.edu) for BSW students only):

- **The one-page HEALS Student Application**
- **Field Instructor Reference—MSW Students only** (MSW field instructor should email this reference form directly to Dr. Melissa Bellin at mbellin@sww.umaryland.edu)
- **UM-HEALS Commitment Letter**
- 1-2 page letter describing your interest and experience in health social work practice including interprofessional teamwork, care/transition coordination, family-centered engagement, and service delivery to vulnerable health populations.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by July 13, 2015.

Who can I contact with more questions?

For questions about the **UM-HEALS application or program**, contact **Melissa Bellin** (mbellin@sww.umaryland.edu) (MSW students), or **Carolyn Tice** (tice@umbc.edu) (BSW students).