

NAVY MEDICINE FAST FACTS

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NAVY GLINIGAL SOCIAL WORK FELLOWSHIP

- Fellowship is designed to further hone current clinical acumen while introducing the fellow to instructions and regulations from BUMED, DHA, DoD and other entities that directly influence clinical practice as an Active Duty Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW).
- Time will also be spent providing Officership and development as a Naval Officer to prepare the fellow for their initial independently licensed tour and career beyond!

SOCIAL WORK IN TODAY'S NAVY

- Our Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs) are designed for remote / austere settings and with a focus on providing mental health dispositioning, triage and psychotherapy as a solo provider
- Role: evaluate, diagnose, treat, and disposition the warfighter
- Foundation in providing long-term psychotherapy covering depression, anxiety and trauma with adults or older adolescents
- Command consultations connect with and educate leaders of all levels
- Briefs/trainings on clinical topics comfort with public speaking
- Fellowship prepares the MSW level clinician for whatever the independent "clinical" mental health practice license is in the state of their choice - many states differ on acronyms (LCSW, LMSW (Clinical), LICSW, LCSW-C)

TRAINING PROGRAM

- All applicants must have completed a master's degree in social work (MSW) from a graduate school of social work accredited by Council of Social Work Education (www.cswe.org).
- All fellowship applicants will work with the community specialty leader and detailer in the 24-month fellowship placement based on current space availability. If needed, colocation for dual-military families will be considered.
 - The post-graduate fellowship program will be conducted at a military treatment facility, prioritizes mental health practice knowledge, skills, and abilities, and the program will not exceed 24 months.

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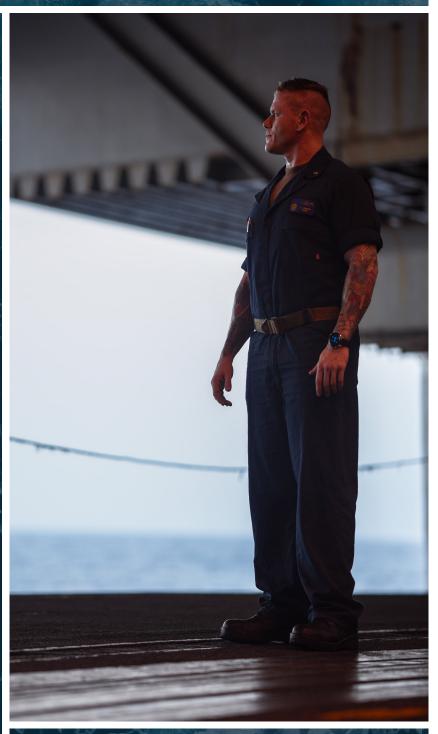
- Fellowship participants assigned to a program in a state that requires licensure of Graduate Level Social Workers must obtain this license.
- Fellowship participants must pass the independent practice level clinical social work licensure exam prior to completion of their fellowship and obtain unrestricted licensure to practice prior to transfer to their next duty station.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Fellowship participants are commissioned as LTJG (0-2) unless prior active commissioned service warrants entry grade credit.
- Two routes to get accepted to the fellowship:
 - -- Medical Service Corps In-Service Procurement Program (MSC IPP) – must be active duty and will have Master in Social Work completed as required in the NAVADMIN released annually (Active Duty (AD) Enlisted to commission).
 - -- Direct Accession Partially Trained (DAPT) post-graduate professionals who require the 24 months of supervised practice to earn their independent practice license (CIV to AD / Reservist to AD commission). This path requires a recruiter and there is one annual board for selection.
- Any MSC IPP or DAPT fellowship selectee who accepts the respective commissioning offer will be expected to complete the 24-month fellowship.
- If selectee is eligible, and desires to pursue another pathway (i.e. Direct Accession Fully Trained) before commissioning, they are welcome to apply via Navy Recruiting Command for consideration.
- DAPT selections will need to have completed their Master of Social Work (MSW) and be able to enter Navy's Clinical Social Work (CLIN-SW) postgraduate independent practice license hours fellowship during the current Fiscal Year for which they are applying.
- The CLIN-SW Specialty requires appraisals interviews to be: conducted by current senior CLIN-SW officers (O-4 or above), only once the candidate is within or past their final semester of their properly accredited MSW program, and along with a review of a current transcript (unofficial is sufficient).
- DAPT applicants do not have any say in where they will be stationed for the 24 month fellowship; the detailer will place the selectee based on the current space availability since it is a rolling commission / admission process.



SERVICE OBLIGATION

• The total service obligation is 4 years post training since it is a 24-month pipeline.

- -- 1 year of training = 3 years of obligation
- -- 6 months = 6 month of obligation

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LCSW OR THE CSW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PLEASE REFER TO: https://www.navy.com/careers-benefits/careers/medical/social-work