



NAVY CLINICAL 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, co-location 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.
- 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.

REQUIREMENTS



1 PROGRAM, 3 FELLOWSHIP SITES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Fellowship participants are commissioned as **LTJG (O-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>