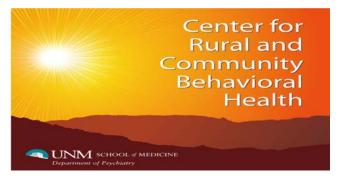
# **Mental and Behavioral Health Academy**





The Mental and Behavioral Health Academy (MBHA), a partnership program between the UNM Health Sciences Office for Diversity and the UNM School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health (CRCBH), provides an opportunity for those interested in the mental and behavioral health careers to participate in a hybrid program that will include standardized test preparation, academic enrichment, and rural clinical immersion experiences. This is a 15 session Saturday academy and includes participation in a service learning day in June 2014 and in a national conference in Washington, DC in July 2014.

Students are expected to approach the experience with a commitment toward scholarship and exploration. MBHA is held at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center (HSC). MBHA meets on various Saturdays beginning February 15, 2014 and ending July 26, 2014.\*

### What does MBHA offer?

- Over 180 hours of test prep instruction and practice covering the six sections of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE).
- Online access to resources to support instruction.
- Presentations from UNM Health Science Center faculty, students & trainees, and community partners.
- Networking with peers who share the same interests in behavioral health careers.
- Tours of the health care teaching facilities at the UNM Health Science Center.
- Cultural Competency Training
- Certification in Mental Health First Aid
- Service Learning/Community Engagement
- National Conference Participation

\* **Tentative 2014 Academy Dates**: February 15 & 22, March 1, 8, & 29, April 5, 12, & 26, May 3, June 7 & 21, July 12, 17-19, & 25.



## **Student Expectations**

- Participants must commit to the full 15 session academy which includes attending a 1 day service learning experience in early June 2014 and a 3 day conference in Washington, DC scheduled for July 17-19, 2014.\* Sessions will typically run from 9am-3pm with the first day of the academy being a mandatory orientation.
- Participants are required to attend all of the group and individual study sessions.
- Participants must comply with the University of New Mexico Health Science Center policies regarding conduct, academic honesty, and lawful behavior.
- The MBHA was designed to meet the needs of New Mexico by educating and inspiring students to pursue a career in the mental and behavioral health field in our state. In order to meet this goal the Office for Diversity would like remain in contact with our participants beyond the MBHA.

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## **Student Eligibility**

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be a New Mexico resident
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- College junior (60-89 credits), senior (90+ credits), or graduate

### **Deadline**

All completed applications must be submitted via mail, email or fax by **5:00 PM** on **Thursday**, **January 23, 2014**.

Questions regarding the application or program details can be directed to <u>diversity@salud.unm.edu</u> or by calling toll free 1-866-494-0064 or 505-272-2728.



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