



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT  
WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAN



**Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Graduate Recruitment Program**

The UsCC Graduate Recruitment Program provides financial assistance to individuals with little to no social service experience but who have interest in pursuing their graduate degree in MSW, MFT, or LPCC and working in the mental health field.

The program targets individuals from highly unserved/underserved populations within African/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, Eastern European/Middle Eastern, Latino, LGBTQI2-S, and Deaf or Hard of Hearing Communities to provide culturally and linguistically competent mental health services to their communities. Examples of these underrepresented communities may include, but are not limited to, the following communities: Amharic, Somali, Indian/Hindi, Aztec, Cambodian, Samoan, etc.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Bachelor's degree in any field
- Bilingual capability in one of the underserved languages and/or represent an unserved/underserved community as identified by DMH, respectively.
- Commitment to pursue graduate degree in social work with clinical concentration, marriage and family therapy, or licensed professional clinical counseling. Awardees will be responsible to apply for a local area graduate school and complete all graduate degree requirements, which will include completing required field practicum and traineeship placements during the graduate program.

**Option 1: 3 Year Program**

***Program Components:***

**Year 1:** Paid Internship

**Year 2 & 3:** Graduate School

***Award:***

**Internship:** 1 year providing direct services to unserved/underserved communities at least 24 hours per week at DMH contract agency (total award \$20,000)

**Master's program:** 2 years full-time master's program (total award \$37,000)

***Service Obligation:***

Within 3 months post-graduation from master's program, participants must find employment in the public mental health system and agree to a 3 year full-time work commitment providing direct clinical services to unserved/underserved communities

**Option 2: 2 Year Program**

***Program Components:***

**Year 1 & 2:** Graduate School

***Award:***

**Master's program:** 2 years full-time master's program (total award \$37,000)

***Service Obligation:***

Within 3 months post-graduation from master's program, participants must find employment in the public mental health system and agree to a 2 year full-time work commitment providing direct clinical services to unserved/underserved communities

**Online Application** <http://egis3.lacounty.gov/dmh/fip/>

**Eligibility & FAQ** <http://egis3.lacounty.gov/dmh/fip/UsCC>

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