Arizona State University HEALS Program 2018-2019

What is ASU HEALS?
Arizona State University Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars (ASU HEALS) is a skills and leadership training program for BSW students in their senior year and advanced year MSW students interested in delivering social work healthcare services. Each year, 2 BSW HEALS Scholars and 2 MSW HEALS Scholars will receive interprofessional development opportunities, specialized seminars, focused coursework, and a $5,500 stipend, with $4,000 of that amount in stipend funds and $1,500 allocated for travel support to attend a health policy and education event in Washington DC.

What are the requirements for the program?
In order to qualify for ASU HEALS, an applicant must have a career interest in social work healthcare service delivery. Other program requirements by educational level are listed below; most activities will be incorporated into the Scholars’ Internship Learning Plans such that participation builds field internship hours, thereby enriching, rather than over-burdening, students’ learning experiences.

BSW HEALS Scholars
• Complete a 480-hour field internship at a qualified health setting.
• Participate in a special project identified by the Program Coordinator that focus on one of the following: a) Affordable Care Act implementation, b) interprofessional team practice, c) evidence-based practice in health social work, d) care coordination, e) person- and family-centered engagement, f) addressing racial and health equity issues, or g) serving underserved populations. This year’s project is participating in a Longitudinal Patient Care Experience with medical students from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, which involves ongoing connections with a community health mentor who is an individual living with a chronic health condition.
• Complete SWU 498 Introduction to Health Care Practice (Spring semester); SWU 498 is a 3-credit online course) and SWG 591 Interprofessional Practice (Spring semester); SWG 591 is a 1-credit in-person course that meets over two Saturdays.
• Participate in monthly HEALS program gatherings.
• Attend a 1.5-day health care social work education and policy event in Washington, DC ($1,500 travel allowance is provided).
• Sign a commitment letter stating intent to pursue employment in healthcare upon graduation.

MSW HEALS Scholars
• Complete a 480-hour field internship at a qualified health setting.
• Participate in a special project identified by the Program Coordinator that focus on one of the following: a) Affordable Care Act implementation, b) interprofessional team practice, c) evidence-based practice in health social work, d) care coordination, e) person-
and family-centered engagement, f) addressing racial and health equity issues, or g) serving underserved populations. This year’s project is participating in a Longitudinal Patient Care Experience with medical students from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, which involves ongoing connections with a community health mentor who is an individual living with a chronic health condition.

- Complete SWG 604 *Advanced Practice in Health* (Spring semester) and SWG 591 Interprofessional Practice (Spring semester); SWG 591 is a 1-credit in-person course that meets over two Saturdays.
- Participate in monthly HEALS program gatherings
- Complete the required Capstone presentation and paper in SWG 621 using a health care client example and a health-related social work intervention.
- Attend a 1.5-day health care social work education and policy event in Washington, DC ($1,500 travel allowance is provided).
- Sign a commitment letter stating intent to pursue employment in healthcare upon graduation.

**What field placement options are available for ASU-HEALS students?**

HEALS approved field placements are diverse and expanding and are available in the Phoenix and Tucson greater metropolitan areas. Examples of **approved Phoenix sites** include the following: Banner Baywood Medical Center, Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner Desert Medical Center, Banner Estrella Medical Center, Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Maricopa Integrated Health System, Wesley Health Center, and Providence Place at Glencroft. Examples of **approved Tucson sites** include Banner University of Arizona Medical Center, St. Mary’s Hospital-Carondelet, and St. Elizabeth’s Health Center.

Other health-related internship sites will be considered, but must provide students with direct learning opportunities in the following areas: a) Affordable Care Act implementation, b) interprofessional team practice, c) evidence-based practice in health social work, d) care coordination, e) person- and family-centered engagement, f) addressing racial and health equity issues, or g) serving underserved populations. Please ask the Field Instructor at the agency to complete the **Field Agency Survey** in order to gain HEALS approval.

**How do I apply?**

By June 1, 2018 (11:59pm) complete the **online ASU HEALS Student Application** available at [http://goo.gl/forms/xhBIMGMFvN](http://goo.gl/forms/xhBIMGMFvN) and submit the following materials to Dr. Robin Bonifas via email at (robin.bonifas@asu.edu):

- **A 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.
- **A brief letter of recommendation** from one of your social work course instructors or a social work field instructor describing your strengths.
- **The ASU HEALS Commitment Letter**
- **A copy of your unofficial transcript**

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of selection decisions by June 29, 2018.
Who can I contact with more questions?  
For questions about the ASU HEALS application or program, contact Dr. Robin Bonifas (robin.bonifas@asu.edu).