OPIOID WORKFORCE EXPANSION PROGRAM (OWEP)





"The training and conferences provided great knowledge and real-life experiences as examples to study and learn from. It was great to meet new people, learn new lessons and prepare to work in the helping environment, where addiction/recovery patients make up a significant part of the population."

– Nichele Oglesby, Master of Social Work '19

Gain recognition as a trained opioid workforce professional and be awarded a \$10K stipend after your MSW graduation

EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Pennsylvanians and other communities need professionals who are experts in the Prevention, Treatment and Recovery (PTR) of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). While completing your Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the joint MSW program at Millersville University and Shippensburg University, you will also have the opportunity to apply to participate in the Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP).

OWEP specialized training includes taking two out of three MSW elective courses including: Addiction, Behavioral Health and/or Healthcare and participating in 30 hours of interprofessional training on the PTR aspects of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other Substance Use Disorders (SUDs).

BUILD YOUR RESUME

During the MSW Specialization Year, OWEP participants complete field practica, where they address the Prevention, Treatment and Recovery aspects of OUD and SUDs for people across the life span. OWEP field placements focus on working with interprofessional teams in integrated primary care and behavioral health care settings and also in communitybased organizations. Harm reduction and Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) may also be included.

\$10K STIPEND - MSW STUDENTS

The Millersville University School of Social Work and Department of Nursing have been awarded a \$1.3 million grant to help address the current opioid epidemic in the United States. For this reason, \$10,000 stipends are available for MSW students from the joint MSW program at Millersville University and Shippensburg University who complete the OWEP program.

APPLY FOR OWEP

Please contact: Gwen Burkholder, MSW, LCSW, CAADC, Program Coordinator Email: OWEP@millersville.edu | Phone: (717) 871-7352 *Now accepting applications for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.*



"OWEP is an excellent opportunity to explore areas that you didn't know you have a natural calling."

- Richard Boyer, Master of Social Work '19

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