Eligibility Criteria & Fellowship Commitments

American Nurses Association Minority Fellowship Program (ANA MFP)

Applicants must meet all general criteria below to apply. Applicants will be required to certify eligibility before accessing the full application.

General Criteria

- Active membership in the American Nurses Association (ANA) and can upload verification in the application
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status and can upload verification in the application (green card, passport, or birth certificate)
- Full-time enrollment in an accredited psychiatric mental health nursing degree program and can upload verification in the application (at time of application). *For PhD students, dissertation must address substance misuse and mental health disorders prevention and treatment, across all age groups and in a variety of settings.*
- Must hold an active Registered Nurse (RN) license and can upload verification in the application
- Agreement that the ANA MFP will be the sole source of federal academic funding, if selected (not including student loans)
- Commitment to submitting an approved plan of study, signed by major academic advisor, within 30 days of program acceptance (including required core courses and psychiatric mental health-related clinical practice hours)
- Curriculum and plan of study focused on the prevention, treatment, and recovery of psychiatric mental health disorders, grounded in theoretical and clinical science
- Enrollment in your current program for a minimum of 12 months from October 1, 2027
- Commitment to 2 years of service in mental health and/or substance misuse prevention and treatment in communities with limited access

Doctoral Degree Track – Additional Eligibility Requirements

- Hold a Master's degree OR
- Have completed at least nine (9) academic credits related to psychiatric mental health and/or substance misuse treatment and prevention

Program Length and Commitment

- Fellows commit to a program period aligned with their master's and doctoral program requirements
- Fellows must maintain full-time enrollment and remain in good academic standing throughout the fellowship
- Participation in a structured mentorship program with assigned mentor is required
- Submission of quarterly mentorship progress reports and end-of-semester reports required
- Attendance at the mandatory summer Intensive Training Institute (ITI) & participation in virtual professional development activities

NOTE: A fully accredited school or degree program is one that is accredited by a national accrediting agency and/or a state approval agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The program does not fund post master's certificates.