

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship Program



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HEALTH CENTER

Thundermist Health Center is a federally qualified community health center that serves three communities in Rhode Island: Woonsocket, West Warwick, and South County. Patient services include: primary care, pediatrics, OB/GYN, internal medicine, dental, pharmacy, fully integrated behavioral health (inclusive of psychopharmacology and counseling), school-based health centers, social services, and nutritional services.

Thundermist serves more than 64,000 patients annually and is a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical

Home, the highest level of accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. The post-graduate Nurse Practitioner Fellowship at Thundermist has achieved accreditation by the U.S. Department of Education through the Weitzman Institute.

Why Thundermist Health Center?

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship is a 12-month program providing intensive training surrounding the clinical

The Fellowship Has Four Key Components

Precepted Clinics: These are the cornerstone of the fellowship. In precepted clinics, the PMHNP fellows develop their own patient panel while having an expert Thundermist preceptor (PMHNP or MD) assigned to work with them.

Specialty Rotations: Fellows participate in rotations in areas of high-volume/high-burden/high-risk situations most commonly encountered in an FQHC setting. Rotations include: justice-involved youth; Bradley Hospital pediatric ER; pre- and post-maternal behavioral health services; outpatient geriatric clinics; gender-affirming care and working with the LGBTQIA+ community; medication-assisted treatment outpatient clinics; middle- and high-school-based health centers; severe PTSD clinics for pediatric and adolescent patients.

Didactic Education Sessions: Formal learning sessions on a variety of complex psychiatric clinical diagnoses and conditions most commonly encountered in FQHCs. Didactic sessions are created and offered by our psychiatric experts. Examples include: pediatric/adult/geriatric didactic sessions; pregnancy and psychopharmacology; pediatric psychiatry; documentation guidelines; diagnosis-based sessions such as ADHD, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar and related disorders, psychosis, eating disorders, autism, and PTSD for children and adults.

Evaluations: The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship provides an ongoing multi-input evaluation component using qualitative and quantitative measures.

Application Requirements

- CV/Résumé
- Three letters of recommendation
- Completion of the essay portion of the application
- Copy of final official transcript
- Must have passed board certification exam by July 1, 2026

complexity of psychiatric/behavioral healthcare in a community health center setting. The program structure includes 24 hours per week of precepted clinic, 8 hours per week of specialty rotations, and 3 hours of didactic sessions per week.

Our Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship program will provide fellows with the opportunity to work as a member of a robust psychiatric care team. The fellowship year will begin with a comprehensive, one-month orientation for new fellows. During this time, fellows will participate in tours of Thundermist sites, meetings with community leaders,

and receive technical training on the electronic health record system. Program leadership will also lead training in the responsibilities and privileges of medical staff participation at Thundermist.

“My experience in the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Fellowship has been extremely rewarding. The mentorship was top-notch and I always felt supported by the preceptors and enjoyed the variety of clinical rotations,” says Wendy Wildes, PMHNP-BC, fellowship class of 2025. “Thank you again for this wonderful program.”

Fellows will receive a unique, hands-on precepting experience from a team of highly experienced professionals. These psychiatric preceptors will work side by side with fellows to help them develop the expertise they need to succeed in their field.

Program Preceptors Include:

Mary Rose, PMHNP-BC, MS, CCM

Beth Cleary, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Alexandra Chabot, PMHNP-BC

Dayna Canzone, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Robin Baca, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Jess Lam, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Jaimie Borden, MSN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC

“The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Fellowship at Thundermist is committed to facilitating a smooth transition from being a registered nurse to becoming a proficient psychiatric nurse practitioner. We invite anyone interested in the program to apply. We consider it a privilege to assist you in your professional journey.”

—PROGRAM DIRECTOR MARY ROSE
PMHNP-BC, MS, CCM



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About the
Fellowship
Program**

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