Integrated Health Scholars Program

Application Instructions & Preview 2027-28

APPLICATION DEADLINE is February 3, 2027. Please check your eligibility before applying.

Potential Integrated Health Scholars must:

- Be a current foundation year KU MSW student in good standing or an incoming advanced standing student/applicant beginning a clinical practicum in fall 2027
- Reside in rural Kansas
- Per federal guidelines, must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Work with the Practicum Office in securing a qualifying IHSP practicum.

Please note: Your application will not be considered complete until you submit a current resume and letter of recommendation. You will have the opportunity to attach these materials at the end of the application form. You will also receive instructions by email for submitting these items separately, if necessary, after completing the application.

Before you proceed, it is highly recommended that you view the video, **Social Workers in Integrated Health Care,** available on the Scholars website to learn more about integrated health care and whether it is a fit for you.

Application Questions

- First and Last Name
- Street Address, City, State, Zip
- Phone & Email - If available, KU email address preferred

- What campus are you attending, or did you apply to?
- Please indicate your student status (*full-time, part-time, incoming advanced standing*)
- Current GPA **or** Undergraduate GPA

- Are you bilingual? Please indicate language and fluency level

- Where did you do your foundation/generalist year or BSW practicum?
- Where will you be residing (city/state) during the 2027-28 academic year?

The IHSP is designed to strengthen the integrated behavioral health workforce in rural Kansas, particularly within Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). For this reason, students placed in rural FQHC practicum settings receive priority consideration. Students completing practicums in other rural integrated care settings, including Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers

(CCBHCs) and hospitals, may also qualify. The Practicum Office will work closely with applicants to explore eligible placement opportunities. Because qualifying practicum sites and scholarship positions are limited, not all interested students can be accommodated each year.

- Please indicate your current status in the practicum planning process (*secured rural FQHC/integrated practicum, currently working with Practicum Office, unsure how interests align, haven't started practicum planning process yet*)

- What are you hoping to learn in a practicum next year, and how does this fit with your plans for a social work career after graduation?

- Describe an experience you had working as part of an interprofessional team or working with a group of people who had different perspectives than you. How did you communicate and resolve any disagreements?

- Describe a situation, personal or professional, when you were outside your comfort zone. Identify the challenges and how you managed those challenges.

- Describe any personal or professional experience in rural or medically underserved communities and how that relates to your interest in this program.

Additional Materials

Applicants must submit two additional items for a complete Scholars application: 1) a current resume and 2) a letter of recommendation. It is recommended that you upload these items at this time, however, after you submit this application form, you will receive an email that includes instructions for how to submit one or both of these items by email. PLEASE LABEL YOUR FILE WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME

The letter of recommendation should address your experience, personal qualities and what makes you a good candidate for the Scholars Program.

- Current students, please provide a letter from your practicum instructor, if possible
- Incoming students, please provide from a work or volunteer supervisor

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- How did you hear about the Scholars Program? (check all that apply: *current/former Scholar, other student, faculty/staff, website, email, practicum, other*)