

BHWET EAST SCHOLARS

HRSA: Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training (BHWET) Program for Professionals

The Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training (BHWET) East program provides specialized training in behavioral healthcare for students preparing to serve rural Montana and funding to support their education. Open to students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, the Master's in Counseling program, and Billings Clinic Psychiatry Residency, the program offers a range of educational experiences designed to strengthen skills and readiness for practice in underserved communities.

PROGRAM GOAL

The BHWET-East program addresses the shortage of behavioral health professionals in rural Montana by supporting the education and training of students in integrated behavioral health programs. Through targeted learning experiences, the program strengthens the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver effective care in rural and underserved communities.

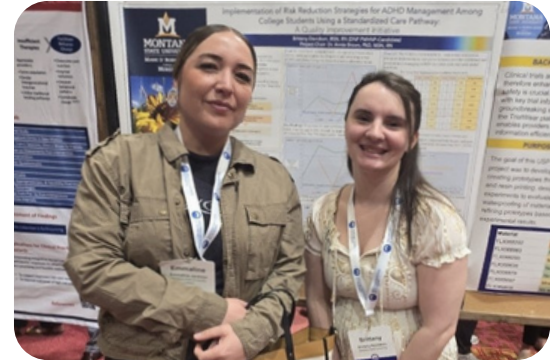
PROGRAM TIMELINE



July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025

CORE TOPIC AREAS

Students receive training in cognitive behavioral therapy, telehealth, and through seminars led by Montana-based healthcare professionals. These opportunities are designed to enhance students' knowledge, practical experience, and confidence to effectively serve rural communities.



"Participating in the BHWET program has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I am deeply grateful for the educational opportunities, valuable resources, and mentorship provided throughout both semesters. The knowledge and skills I gained through the seminars, modules, and clinical experiences have directly enhanced my development as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner."

-2025 BHWET Scholar

93%
of BHWET-East Scholar Graduates
are employed across Montana



IMPACT & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Why This Program Matters:

- **Expands access to behavioral health services:** by providing comprehensive training and skills training to students and residents who are committed to serving rural communities
- **Equips providers to meet community needs:** through training that reflects the values and challenges of serving Montana's rural communities and populations
- **Strengthens the behavioral health workforce:** supporting the development of a skilled workforce committed to rural Montana

This program is funded through HRSA's Behavioral Health Education & Training Program (BHWET Pro). The programs focus on training professionals in rural settings improves **access to mental health services** and **strengthens rural communities** by retaining local professionals. Continued investment ensures a **sustainable and effective behavioral health workforce**, enhancing **quality of care** for Montanans.

