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**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Mental Health Scholarship Program
One Year Residence (MHSP/OYR) at
HUNTER COLLEGE SILBERMAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

DEADLINE FOR OYR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: April 1, 2012

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Introduction: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Bureau of Mental Health invites applications for the Fall 2012 Mental Health Scholarship Program (MHSP). The MHSP provides a unique opportunity for those employed in **agency programs with a mental health contract** with the DOHMH to pursue a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work's (HCSSSW) One Year Residence (OYR) Program. Successful applicants will receive full tuition scholarships and continue to work in the public mental health field, adding to our rich professional workforce.

Program Goal: The goal of the Mental Health Scholarship program is to contribute to New York City's community mental health services by increasing the pool of skilled professionals employed in community-based agencies, agencies that serve individuals with serious mental illnesses, veterans, underserved minorities, new immigrants, children and adolescents, homeless individuals, and individuals with co-occurring disorders. Through provision of a classical social work education, the MHSP shapes mental hygiene practitioners for the diverse New York population. The MHSP aims to graduate 20 students per year from the work-study Master's of Social Work (MSW) Program at the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. The objective is to provide graduate social work education to employees of community-based contract agencies of the NYC DOHMH's Bureau of Mental Health through a work-study MSW program with special features tailored to these employees' needs, including intensive advisement and mentoring, tuition scholarships, writing support and seminars.

Eligibility: MHSP provides full-time employees with the opportunity to pursue an MSW degree while **working full-time in an agency program providing mental health services in contract with the Bureau of Mental Health**. (Individuals who work in programs that contract only with the Bureaus of "Alcohol & Drug Use Prevention, Care & Treatment," "Children, Youth & Families Services," or "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities" are NOT ELIGIBLE for this scholarship.) Applicants must meet HCSSSW's admission standards and requirements for the OYR program, have two years of full-time, post-baccalaureate social work experience in a social service institution, be legal residents of New York State and if successful, be prepared to remain in their current agency for the duration of the program.



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Structure of the Program: Admission to the program is for the Fall semester only. Please refer to the HCSSSW website for information on the One-Year Residence Program:

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/programs/msw-pathway.html>.

Application Process: There is no separate application for the Mental Health Scholarship Program. Applicants must apply online at the HCSSSW site and select the OYR Mental Health Grant as the program of study. Your agency executive will be asked to include your agency program contract code on the Agency Agreement Form. Applications will not be processed without this code.

DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO DOHMH

Applicants must apply online at:

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/prospective-students/applying-deadlines.html>

Notification and Application Review Process: All eligible candidates will be selected from the standard application process for the HCSSW. DOHMH will not provide further information about an applicant's status until the review process is completed. Once a candidate is selected for scholarship, he/ she will be notified via an award letter that will contain instructions for acceptance.

Interviews: The Silberman School of Social Work will schedule interviews of selected candidates at later stages in the review process and DOHMH will participate in these interviews. Those applicants will be contacted for an interview by HCSSSW.

Applicants who are not awarded the scholarship, may have the opportunity to attend to the regular Fall OYR Program. The admissions staff at HCSSSW will notify applicants if they are eligible for this option.

DOHMH and HCSSSW are committed to preserving the privacy rights of all applicants. We ask applicants not to call to request information about their candidacy.