**Grayken Addiction Nursing Fellowship Application**

The Grayken Addiction Nursing Fellowship is the first Addiction Nursing fellowship of its kind in the United States. Composed of clinical, experiential and didactic learning opportunities, the goal of the fellowship is to prepare nurses with specialized training in the care of patients with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and co-occurring disorders, harm reduction, and providing trauma-informed care. At the end of the fellowship, nursing fellows will be prepared to sit for the Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN) exam. A longitudinal project prepared by the fellow over the course of the fellowship will be presented to the BMC Substance Use Disorder Nursing Council, their colleagues from their home unit, as well as other speaking opportunities.

Grayken Addiction Nurse Fellows will spend an average of 12 hours per week (approximately 288 hours total) participating in clinical and educational activities that are focused on the treatment and care of patients with SUD. Two nurses will participate in each cycle, and there are two 6-month cycles per year. Fellows will participate in patient care as much as possible in BMC clinical settings and in community-based settings. Within BMC, fellows will have the opportunity to perform patient assessments, develop treatment plans, and learn to present patients to a clinical preceptor or team. Fellows will participate in didactic learning opportunities including lectures, reading assignments, and case conferences alongside other members of the CARE (Clinical Addiction Research & Education) unit including Grayken Addiction Medicine fellows. This learning will be further supplemented with mentoring sessions offered by faculty of the Grayken Nursing Fellowship, and by self-paced study of a curriculum specifically created for the fellowship.

During their time as a Grayken Nursing Fellow, the nurse will continue to work at their main clinical site while working 12 hours per week as a Fellow. For example, a 36-hour nurse will work 24 hours on their home unit and 12 hours per week as a Nursing Fellow.

**Goals:**

* Increase understanding of SUD as a treatable chronic medical condition
* Develop a greater understanding of the role that nurses play in the treatment of SUD
* Recognize stigma, understand its impact on care of patients, and learn steps to address it
* Build skills to engage patients across the spectrum of SUD
* Act as a resource and support to other nurses to improve the care of patients with SUD

**Minimum requirements for applicants:**

* Currently an inpatient or Emergency Department nurse at Boston Medical Center
* Expressed interest in substance use disorders, addiction treatment, and nursing-driven care
* Ability to reserve 12 hours per week of fellowship time, usually split over two weekdays (this time will be paid as regular, scheduled hours)

**Please email your application attachments to Grayken.Center@bmc.org**

Application Details

**Interested applicants should submit via email to Grayken.Center@bmc.org:**

\_\_\_\_Curriculum vitae *(PDF preferred)*

\_\_\_\_A letter of intent of 700 words (or less) which should address the following *(PDF preferred)*:

* + Why the applicant is interested in a career in the field of Addiction Nursing
  + The applicant’s personal/professional background and preparation for the Grayken Addiction Nursing Fellowship to date
  + The applicant’s own learning objectives and any specific areas of clinical and/or research interest
  + How the applicant envisions the Fellowship will support their future impacts regarding substance use disorder treatment and the care of patients with substance use disorder at BMC.

\_\_\_\_Two(2) Letters of Recommendation; **one letter must be from current Nurse Manager or Supervisor** *(PDF preferred)*

* Letters should reflect the character, leadership, advocacy, and clinical expertise of the candidate