

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

VA Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP)

Presentation for: HPSP Social Work Recipients and Vet Center Social Work Recipients

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Opening Remarks

- Introductions
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Live Q&A



Introductions

- Jennifer Silva, National Deputy Director, Case Management and Social Work Services
- Dr. John Ross, Training Program Analyst, Readjustment Counseling Service (Vet Center)

VA HPSP Social Work Questions

Question 1: For the social workers, does our service obligations count towards licensure hours if pursuing?

Question 2: I am concerned about the MSW service payback. How does that work with licensing? The LCSW requirements are different for every state. Do we take a pause on our payback until we're licensed? Also, what does this look like regarding the state where we will be placed?

Question 3: For supervised hours, can individuals do outside {supervision} of the VA and will that be accounted for when they initially get hired as a GS9?

Question 4: HR just informed me I will be a probationary employee for two years, meaning the entirety of my service obligation I will be probationary. How will the RIF affect probationary employees and what happens to our service obligation if we are laid off during the upcoming RIF



Live Q&A Session

- Social Work (Vet Center Recipients)
- Social Work (Hospital/Clinic)