

# James J. Peters Interprofessional PALLIATIVE CARE Fellowship Program



## How to Apply

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The application and supporting documents must be sent to Valerie Menocal, Fellowship Coordinator, James J. Peters VA Medical Center, GRECC Program, 130 W. Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468.

- ✓ Signed **application** available at [www.bronx.va.gov/services/grecc.asp](http://www.bronx.va.gov/services/grecc.asp)
- ✓ **Proof of citizenship**
- ✓ Current **curriculum vitae**
- ✓ **Personal statement** describing career goals and interests in Palliative Care
- ✓ **Sealed official transcripts of graduate and undergraduate degrees**
- ✓ **Three letters of recommendation** (must have current supervisors and Program Directors)

**Please note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

## For Further Information

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## Overview of the Fellowship Program

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A national network of six interprofessional palliative care fellowship programs has been funded to provide the best possible care for the nation's veterans by enhancing the care of the seriously ill.

Qualified candidates for the fellowship program include:

- Board Certified or Eligible physicians;
- Doctoral-prepared pharmacists;
- Master's prepared nurses;
- Master's prepared social workers

Clinical training includes 10 months within the VA system, including James J. Peters VA Campus, and 2 months of external rotations at Mount Sinai Hospital and Visiting Nurse Service of NY. There is an opportunity for elective rotations at other VA facilities.

This is a one-year fellowship program from **July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

## Training Facilities

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- JJP VA Medical Center, Bronx, NY
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Visiting Nurse Service of NY
- Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center

## Goals of the Fellowship Program

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- Develop experts who demonstrate the clinical knowledge, skills and attitudes to establish palliative care as the standard of care for veterans suffering from chronic, progressive, life-threatening illness.
- Provide fellows with the skills, insight and experience to distinguish themselves as national leaders, clinicians, researchers and educators in the field of palliative care.
- To meet these goals, fellows engage in a longitudinal multi-site and interdisciplinary program, which includes:
  - Clinical traineeships at VA and non-VA institutions
  - A palliative care research rotation with a dedicated mentor
  - Weekly didactic seminars, Journal Club and Grand Rounds
  - Leadership activities including teaching methods, presentation skills, writing for publication and program advocacy skills.

## Curriculum Outline

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The fellowship didactic curriculum includes content on:

- Core palliative care precepts and domains: physical, emotional, social, spiritual care
- Pain and symptom management
- Interdisciplinary team training
- Effective clinical teaching
- Research methodology
- Law and ethics
- Leadership training
- New program development
- Clinical communication skills
- Professional development

## Eligibility Criteria for Pharmacists

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- Doctor of Pharmacy degree with PGY-1 level completed
- Pharmacy practice residency preferred
- United States citizenship