BHWET Every Experience Counts FAQ:

What is the Herzing University Every Experience Counts Stipend Program?

It is a mental health integrative care initiative aimed at improving access to mental health care services and increasing community and provider partnerships to improve health outcomes of underserved areas and populations.

Am I eligible?

You can review your eligibility here.

How many Scholars are selected?

Thirty students are selected each fiscal year (July to June) comprised of ten students each semester.

What are the benefits to students?

Herzing University Every Experience Counts Scholars are awarded a \$10,000 stipend. Scholars are also better positioned to seek doctoral degrees as their work with the Every Experience Counts initiative hones their research, writing, and presentation capabilities. These Scholars will also be distinguished among their peers within their communities, improving their marketability and employment prospects.

How are funds distributed?

The \$10,000 stipend will be released via direct deposit or check if you don't have Bank Mobile. Herzing recommends but does not require that students apply this stipend toward their tuition to help reduce debt.

What are the benefits to the healthcare site?

Community healthcare partners may benefit from developing a relationship with a potential employee, offering increased or improved services, seeing improved patient outcomes, and gaining helpful community resources to better assist patients in meeting their needs.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form <u>here</u>. Once received, a program representative will connect with you regarding next steps.

When is the application period?

Applications will remain open throughout the year and will be reviewed as spots become available.

What is the project?

Following identifying and securing a site serving the population/area of interest, students enrolled in the Every Experiences Counts program, or Scholars, will work with the site to determine their processes for providing integrative care. Through this investigation, areas of deficiency are identified, and Scholars develop a plan to address one or more of those areas. Collaboration with the site and Every Experience Counts Scholar program leadership regarding how best to implement change is initiated by the

Scholars. Suggestions for projects are found in the repository module of the Every Experience Counts course, but Scholars are encouraged to develop their own unique idea.

As Scholars identify a practice problem and learn its significance, they will develop a PICOT clinical research question, determine a theoretical framework on which to base the project, and make evidence-based practice change recommendations. Scholars will use their PICOT question to research and synthesize literature to support the evidence-based change.

Finally, in the Scholars' last semester, they implement their project at the chosen site and complete their evaluation, data analysis, and research paper. Scholars are encouraged to present their project at an appropriate nursing conference after engaging the idea in practice. Through a co-curricular activity, Herzing University also hosts a Revel in the Research day, hosted by our Sigma Theta Tau chapter, where Scholars present their efforts to their peers and University-wide faculty and staff.

Will the project need to be completed by the end of the semester or is it an ongoing project throughout my graduate studies?

The cumulation of the grant, including the project will be completed in NU675.

Are there any post-graduation requirements?

All Scholars will commit to working in a Medically Underserved Area upon graduation.