

Center of Excellence: Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce

2025



{ Progress Report }

Overview of Aims

We have earned recognition as a Center of Excellence (COE) by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for our work redressing health service psychology disparities through behavioral health education and training.

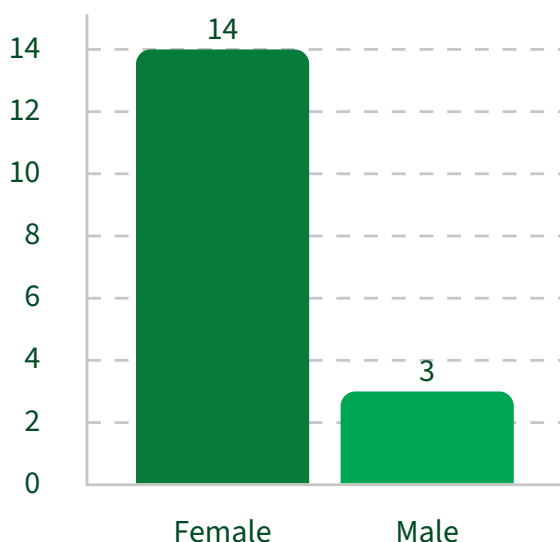
This project, supported by HRSA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is part of a 5-year award totaling \$3.2 million. Our North Texas COE mission focuses on strengthening the behavioral health workforce nationwide, with a special emphasis on North Texas and Health and Human Services Region 6.

Graduate Fellows

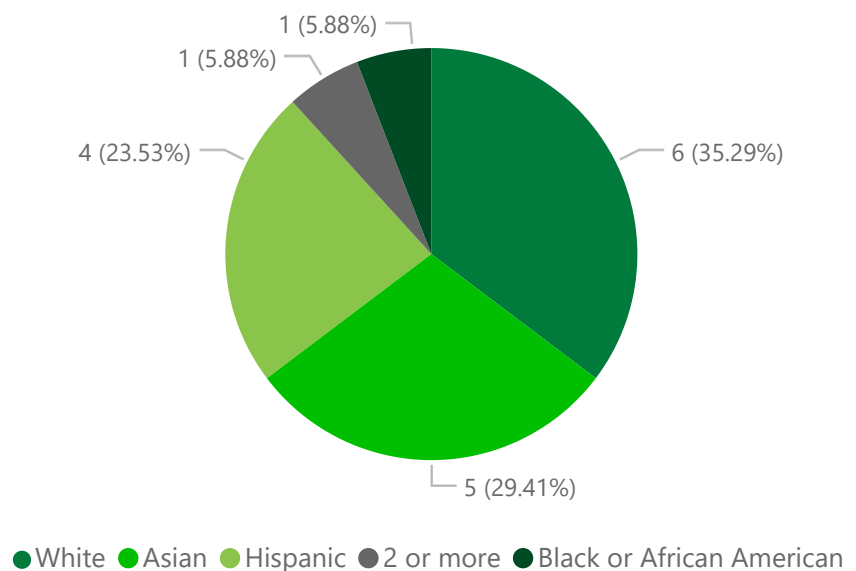
Demographics

2023-2025

Gender



Race/Ethnicity

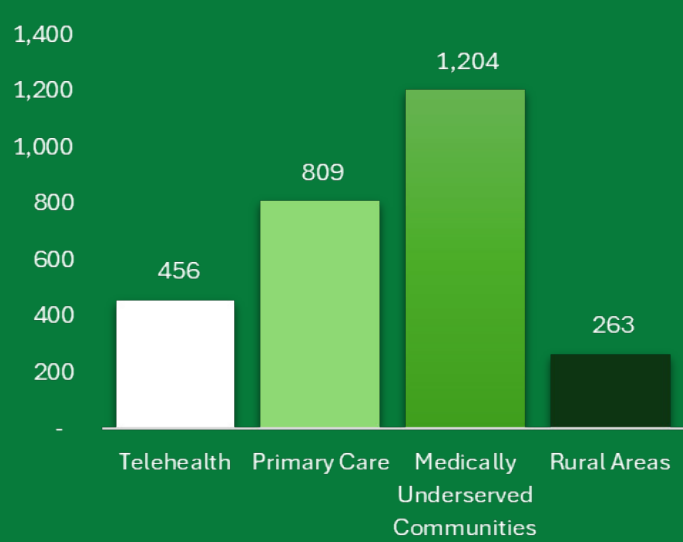


Building a Strong Behavioral Health Workforce

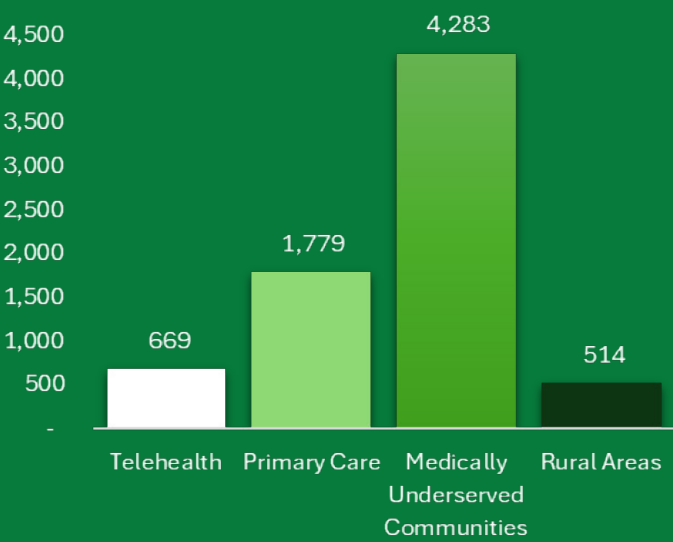
We are strengthening the behavioral health workforce through intensive recruitment, education, and training initiatives that span recruitment into doctoral training all the way through exam preparation to attain licensure for independent practice. Our efforts resulted in:

Practicum Setting Hours

This Year (2025)

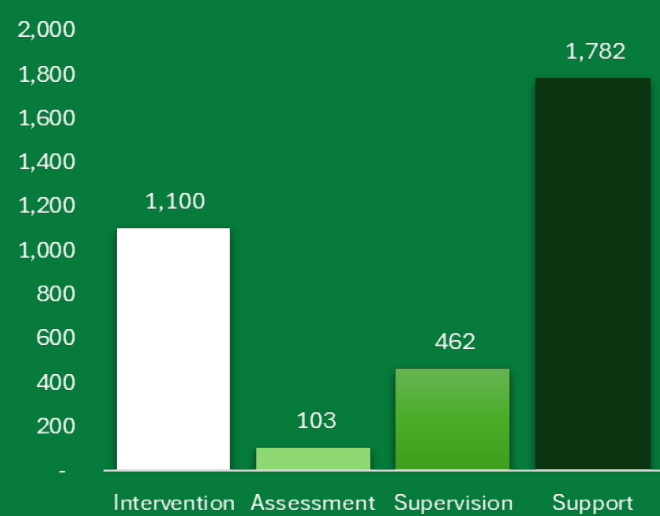


Total

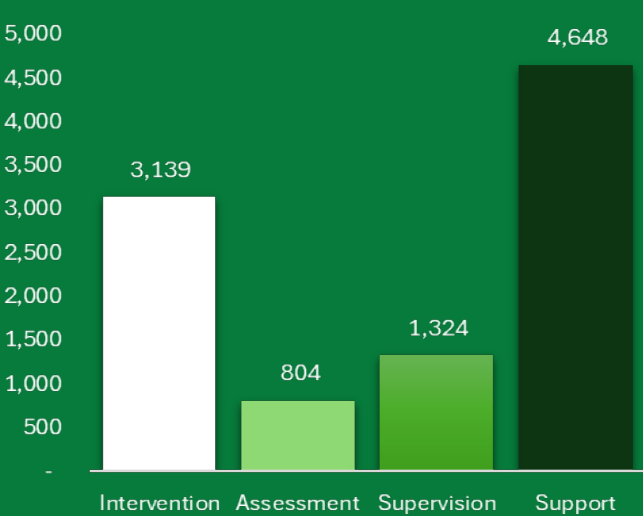


Training Hours

This Year (2025)



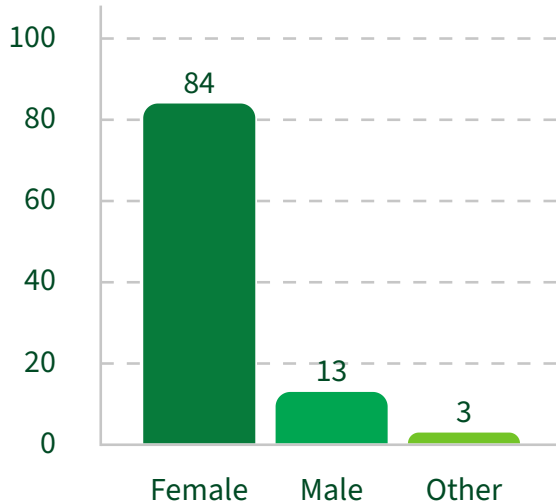
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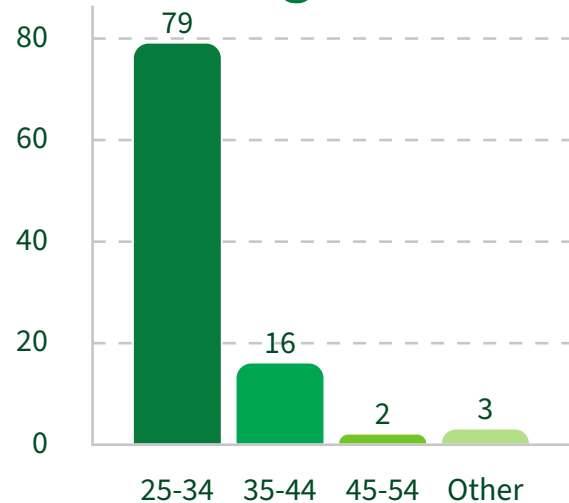
Licensure Examination Prep Program

Demographics

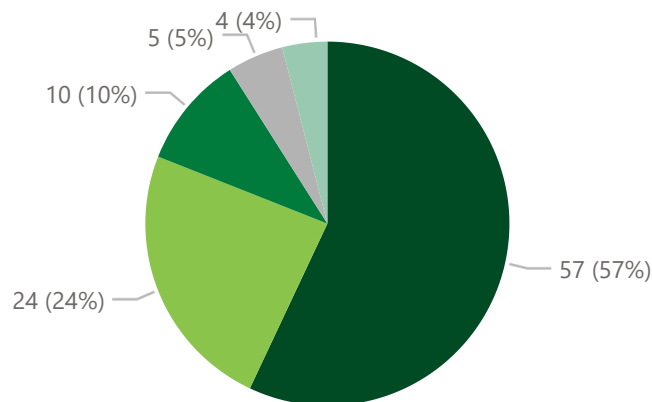
Gender



Age

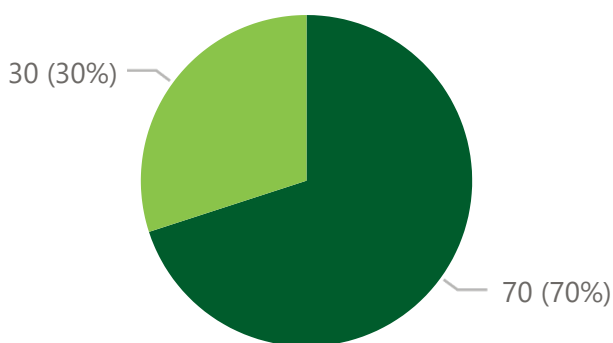


Race



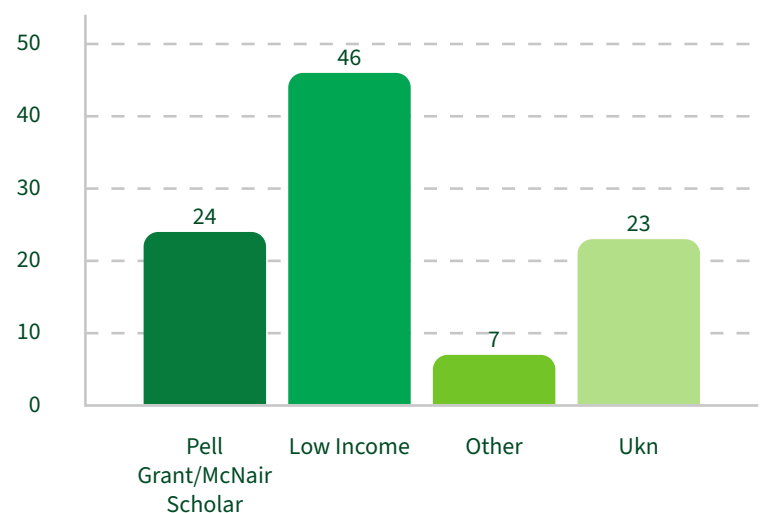
● White ● Black/African American ● 2 or more ● Asian ● American Indian/Alaskan Native

Ethnicity



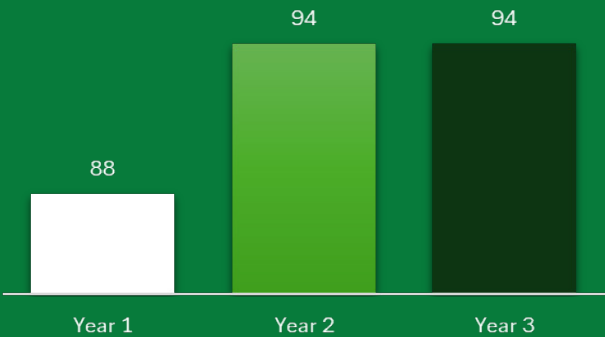
● Non Hispanic ● Hispanic

Economically Disadvantaged



EPPP Scholarship Metrics

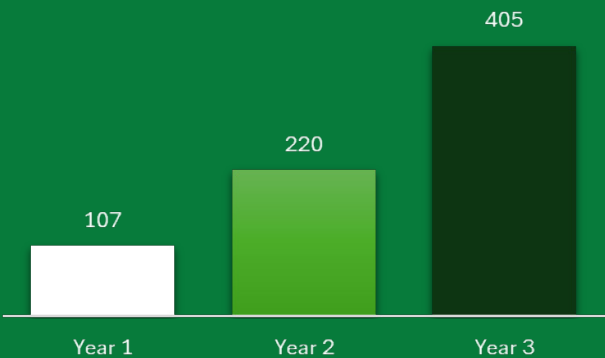
Codes Purchased



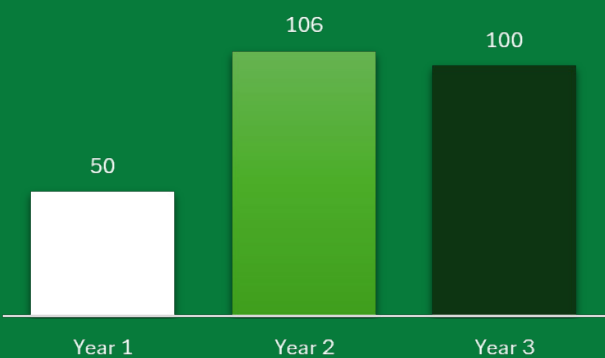
Purchase Amount



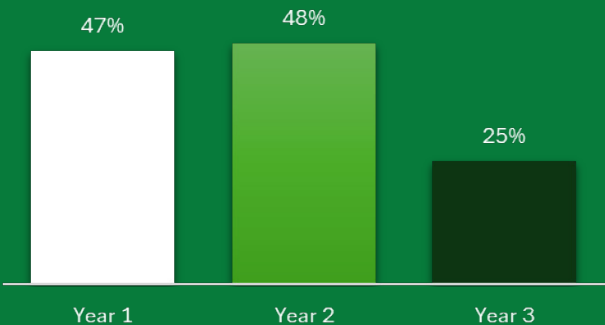
of Applicants



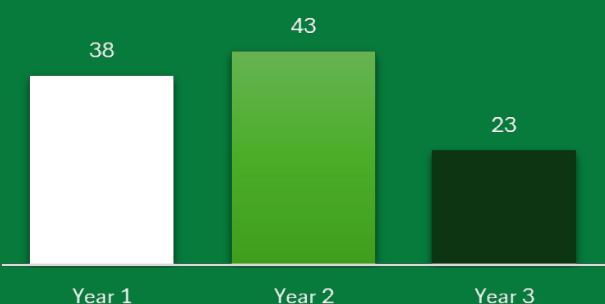
of Codes Awarded



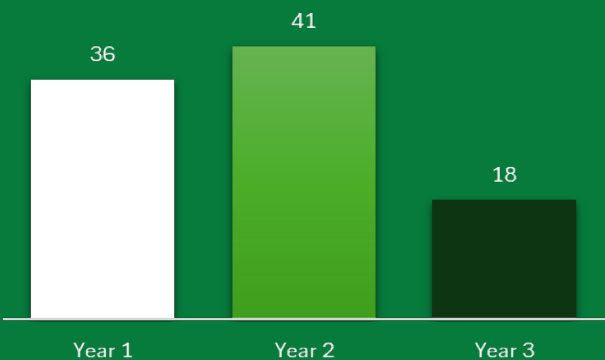
% of Applicants Awarded



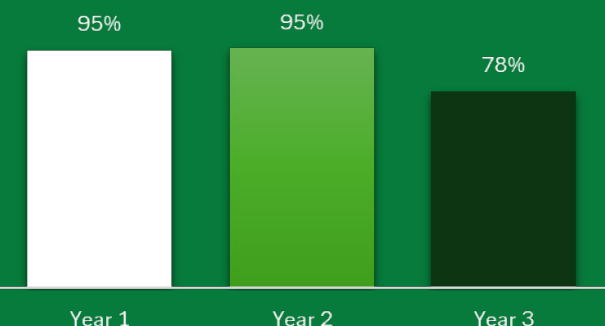
of Scores Submitted by Applicants



of Passing Scores



% of Passing Applicants



Student Support

\$316,000

Student Stipends
Awarded

\$137,700

Tuition Support

\$54,500

Fellow's Health Care

Grants & Funding Opportunities

\$229,838

Total Seed Grants

\$77,403

Science of Training

\$134,885

Health Disparities

\$17,700

UNT
Graduate/Undergraduate
Led Projects

These funds have supported 60 different grants.

Example Projects:

- Science of Training: Teaching Disaster Mental Health Using Simulation Education: Application of Military Field Training to Civilian Emergency and Humanitarian Aide
- Health Disparities: Social Determinants in Adolescents' Processing of Personalized Social Media Content and Psychopathology

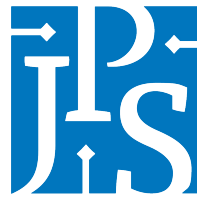
Example Student Led Projects:

- The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Acculturative Stress, and Fear of Deportation with Psychotic-Like Experiences Amongst Hispanic Immigrants

To learn more visit: texasnabors.org/projects/center-of-excellence-coe/grants-and-funding-opportunities/

Community Partners

We proudly collaborate with organizations across North Texas in efforts aimed at improving the behavioral health of our region. Partnerships include recruitment of participants for clinical research as well as placement of trainees in areas in need of providers. Our partners are known for deep engagement in their communities.



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