INTEGRATED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

» The Integrated Health Scholarship Program promotes the integration of health, mental health, and behavioral health services so that individuals, families, and communities receive a continuum of preventive, curative and palliative care services.

» Approximately 10 scholarships will be awarded to incoming MSW students. The program prepares students to work within and promote collaborative care models that attend to physical, emotional and behavioral health issues across a wide range of care settings.

PROGRAM FUNDING

» $5,000/semester ($20,000 total)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

» December 1 (early)
» February 1 (priority)
» March 1

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“My initial interest in integrated health began in high school, when a friend and his family struggled with a genetic autoimmune disease,” Jonathan Senda said. “He and his family went through enormous stress while dealing with such a serious disease, because his treatment dealt with the physical medicine aspect of his genetic disease and didn’t address the emotional or mental health related to their situation.”

The Integrated Health Scholarship program is focused on the intersection of mental health and physical health. A patient seeking treatment for a physical health issue is also screened for mental and behavioral health issues, such as depression or substance abuse.

“During my field placement with the Kidney Transplant Center at the University of Michigan Health System, we prepare patients for both the mental and physical aspects of the transplant process,” Jonathan said. “We screen for depression and anxiety, and we make sure that the patients have a good support system. If patients don’t have a strong support system we provide them with the resources to build that support.”

“Integrated healthcare brings all of the pieces of patient care together to give the very best outcome.”