



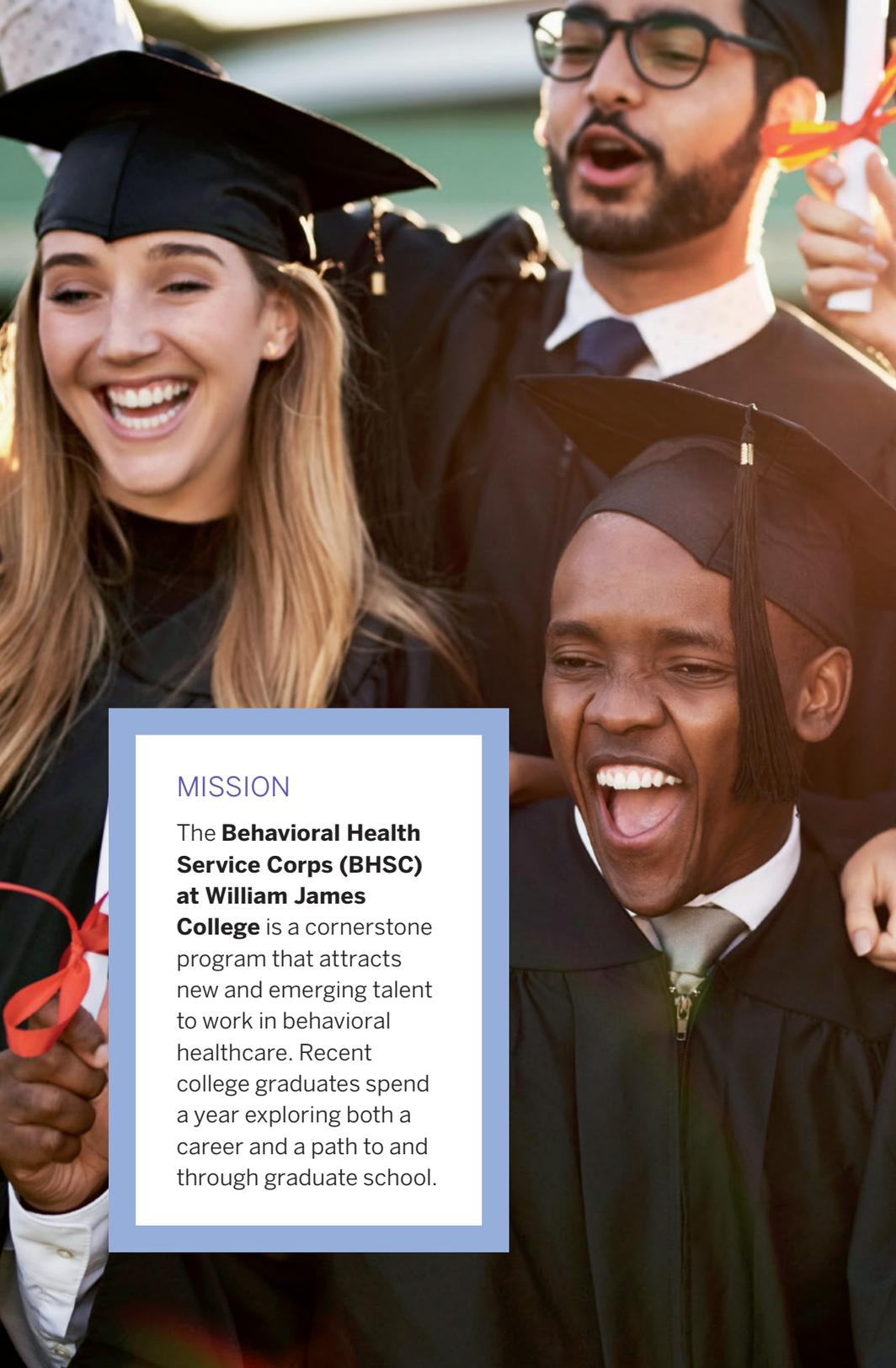
WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

Behavioral Health
Service Corps



A paid year of service to explore
behavioral healthcare.

- Gain hands-on experience
- Get credit toward your master's degree
- Make a difference

A photograph of three graduates in black caps and gowns. A young woman with long blonde hair is smiling broadly on the left. In the center, a young man with a beard and glasses is shouting with his mouth open. In the foreground, a young man with dark skin is also shouting with his mouth wide open. They are all holding red ribbons, suggesting a celebratory ceremony.

MISSION

The **Behavioral Health Service Corps (BHSC) at William James College** is a cornerstone program that attracts new and emerging talent to work in behavioral healthcare. Recent college graduates spend a year exploring both a career and a path to and through graduate school.

What is the Behavioral Health Service Corps?

This program is a paid year-long service and learning opportunity for recent college graduates which provides an entry-level career experience in behavioral healthcare along with credits towards a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Scholars spend the year becoming familiar with the work of behavioral healthcare, understanding the needs of different populations, and receiving mentoring in becoming professionals in this field. The mentoring component is provided by mental health professionals and faculty. It is a transformational year for the scholars to learn about their own interests.

Behavioral Health Agency Partners

William James College's partnering community agencies include the Justice Resource Institute (JRI), Beth Israel Lahey Health, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), Riverside Community Care, and The Home for Little Wanderers.



A Year in the Life of the Behavioral Health Service Corps

- Begin with a 2-week, skills-based orientation at William James College.
- Receive an employment placement with a partnering agency in a BA/BS level position and serve in inpatient units, home-based services, residential treatment and recovery centers, among others.
- Earn nine, free, graduate credits taking three courses as non-matriculating students in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Master's program at William James College. Partnering agencies will allow four-hours of release time for coursework and professional development.
- Receive clinical supervisory support and mentoring throughout the year-long experience.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER?

BHSC Graduates have the option to continue to work with the partner organization into Year 2 and to apply to study part-time in the William James College MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. Employers continue to support four hours per week of release time for study in the MA program, mentorship and the flexibility to acquire new professional skills, and credits earned in year one are applied toward the degree. Tuition remission or loan forgiveness assistance will be granted according to the personnel policies of the organization. Candidates can also compete for any appropriate scholarship funds at William James College.



GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Work in a one-year paid service position with one of several partner behavioral health organizations serving underserved communities in Greater Boston. Hands-on work focuses on high-need areas such as Substance Use & Addictions, Veterans, and School-aged Youth. Entry-level roles pay a salary of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year plus benefits.



GET CREDIT TOWARD YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE

Enroll in three courses at William James College. Courses are designed to complement and enhance the employment experience and the nine credits earned during the service year can be applied toward the master's degree. Employers allot four hours per week of work release time for training and professional development.



GROW YOUR NETWORK AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Scholars work side by-side with behavioral health professionals who have committed their lives to serving the needs of others, giving scholars the opportunity to learn through direct mentoring and also the opportunity to make an impact through their own work. In addition, Scholars live and learn in the Boston area and connect with peers who share the same commitment to service.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

More than 1 in 5 children and adults have behavioral health problems that impact their work, education and family life. About one-quarter of Massachusetts residents who seek behavioral health treatment are unable to secure an appointment—and for those seeking a provider with expertise in working with children or seniors, or who come from a similar cultural background, the process of finding a provider is even more complicated. Few clinicians treat children or seniors, and nearly ninety percent of behavioral health professionals nationwide are non-Latino Caucasian.

The William James College Behavioral Health Service Corps offers you an introduction to this important healthcare field and the opportunity to help.



How to Apply

Applicants must complete an online application through William James College. Along with the completed application, we require an essay, 2 professional recommendations, resume, and undergraduate transcripts. Upon completion and review of your application, selected candidates will be invited to campus for an interview.

Scholars selected for the program will also complete a job application for their employment site. Employment sites are at one of the College's partnering community agencies in Greater Boston.

Apply online at www.williamjames.edu/bhsc



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