



St. Bonaventure University's BRIGHT Project (Behavioral Health Resources for Increasing Growth in Healthcare Training) is a federally funded initiative that supports **Clinical Mental Health Counseling** (CMHC) students in gaining real-world experience in behavioral health. Eligible CMHC students accepted to participate in the project will receive a \$25,000 stipend during their 600-hour clinical placement in rural, medically underserved communities. This support is paired with specialized training, mentoring, and academic resources to prepare student for impactful careers in behavioral health.

**Q: Who is eligible for the \$25,000 stipend?**

A: CMHC students will be selected through an application process to receive the stipend. Selected students must complete Internship I (Fall) and Internship II (Spring) in a behavioral health setting with medically underserved rural communities.

**Q: How and when is the stipend paid out?**

A: The \$25,000 is paid in four equal installments based on progress through the 600-hour clinical placement:

- \$6,250 at 25% completion (150 hours)
- \$6,250 at 50% completion (300 hours)
- \$6,250 at 75% completion (450 hours)
- \$6,250 at 100% completion (600 hours)

**Q: What kind of clinical and training experiences are included?**

A: Students will train in high-need mental health settings and receive opportunities for education in interprofessional learning and integrated models of care.

**Q: Who can I contact with questions?**

A: Dr. Chad Luke, associate project director, may be reached at [cluke@sbu.edu](mailto:cluke@sbu.edu).