



St. Bonaventure University's BRIGHT Project (Behavioral Health Resources for Increasing Growth in Healthcare Training) is a federally funded initiative that supports **Occupational Therapy** (MSOT) students in gaining real-world experience in behavioral health. Eligible MSOT students accepted to participate in the project will receive a \$25,000 stipend during their 960-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: MSOT students will be selected through an application process in the spring semester of their first year to participate in the project. Selected students must complete OT 710: Level II Fieldwork (IIA) and OT 720: Level II Fieldwork (IIB) with medically underserved rural communities, supporting behavioral health of youth and young adults.

Q: How and when is the stipend paid out?

A: The \$25,000 is paid in four equal installments based on progress through the 24 total weeks of full-time clinical placement:

- \$6,250 at 25% completion (6 weeks)
- \$6,250 at 50% completion (12 weeks)
- \$6,250 at 75% completion (18 weeks)
- \$6,250 at 100% completion (24 weeks)

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. Darla Kent, project director, may be reached at dkent@sbu.edu.