# Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion
## Advanced Post-doctoral Fellowships

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## Fellowship Description

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| Health Services Research & Development | **A two-year program that provides advanced interprofessional training in health services research, implementation science, and health system quality improvement.**  
Focus areas include:  
- Health equity in vulnerable populations  
- Quality, safety and value of medications and medical procedures  
- Dual use of pharmacy benefits across health systems  
- Behavioral economics and health care | • US Citizen  
• MD, PhD, or other relevant doctoral degree  
• Experience in health services research  
• Success in conducting scholarly research projects  
• Desire to become a health services research leader | Rolling | Karin Daniels, PhD  
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| Pharmacy Fellowship in Medication Safety and Outcomes | **Partnered with the VA Pharmacy Benefits Management Services (PBM), this two-year fellowship prepares doctoral level pharmacists to become both (1) independent practitioners with expertise in medication safety and (2) independent investigators with expertise in pharmacoepidemiology, outcomes research, and systematic quality improvement that contributes to quality, safety, effectiveness, and value of medication therapy.**  
Focus areas include:  
- Pharmacovigilance  
- Medication safety  
- Pharmacoepidemiology  
- Dual use of pharmacy benefits across health systems | • US Citizen  
• PharmD  
• Interest in the application of both clinical and research pharmacy practice  
• Commitment to improve medication safety within and beyond the VA Healthcare System | Rolling, Academic calendar year start preferred | Carolyn Thorpe, PhD, MPH  
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### VA Interdisciplinary Addiction Program for Education and Research (VIPER)

A two-year program that provides advanced interprofessional training in addictions treatment with the goal of preparing researchers, clinicians and educators to be leaders in addiction treatment in VA general medical and specialty settings.

Focus areas include:

- Interdisciplinary addictions research in general medical settings
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Addiction pharmacotherapy
- Addiction and homelessness

- US Citizen
- MD, PhD, or other relevant doctoral degree
- Relevant clinical master’s degree (e.g., nursing, social work) and license for independent practice
- A commitment to reduce the burden of Veteran alcohol and other substance use disorders

Rolling. Academic calendar year start preferred

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### Women’s Health (Clinical Research Track)

A two-year program affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)/University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine. This track prepares physicians and doctoral level non-physicians for an academic research career with a focus on evaluating the delivery and quality of care for women Veterans.

Focus areas include:

- Disparities in women’s healthcare
- Disparities in contraceptive and sex education
- Provider perspectives on sexually transmitted disease treatment
- Patient-provider communication
- Patient-centered outcomes research
- Intimate partner violence

- US Citizen
- Doctoral level or physician researchers with emphasis on gender specific medicine
- An academic interest in women’s health
- Desire to contribute to the VA’s core mission of evaluating and improving the delivery and quality of health care for women Veterans

July 1 start date preferred

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