

NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL of NURSING

Transitions and Aging

Individualized Care for At Risk Older Adults (T32NR009356)

POSTDOCTORAL

Research Training Opportunities

The NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at PENN Nursing is pleased to offer postdoctoral research fellowships to emerging nurse scholars. Our training program provides fellows with a rigorous and supportive interprofessional scholarly environment in which to develop their ideas, capitalize on lessons learned from others, and gain the skills necessary for a productive scholarly career.

Sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research, the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) training program in *Individualized Care for At Risk Older Adults (T32NR009356)*, provides in-depth knowledge of key transition points for at risk older adults to highly qualified nurse scientists who will generate, disseminate and translate new knowledge with a unique focus on improving the care experience, health and quality of life outcomes of a growing population of chronically ill older adults and their family caregivers, as they experience common and difficult transitions in health and healthcare.

Fellows will participate in intensive research experiences with expert interdisciplinary mentors and other opportunities that facilitate the conduct of clinically relevant research. Essential career development activities in the areas of bioethics, leadership, project management, peer-review, grant writing, and dissemination and translation skills will be emphasized. Our program offers unparalleled opportunities for developing a broader sense of the research process as it relates to the conceptualization, prioritization, execution, evaluation, dissemination, and translation of evidence-based research.

Interested candidates must complete an application (please see attached). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Fellowship recipients will be selected by the program's Executive Committee. Trainee appointments are based on candidate qualifications and eligibility for the NRSA award, as well as fellow and mentorship team match to the overall objective of the training program and available faculty and other resources.

Fellowship Eligibility. Eligible candidates must be a U.S. citizen or noncitizen national, or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of appointment. Postdoctoral applicants should hold a professional nursing license and have completed a doctoral degree in nursing, by the beginning date of their appointment. All fellows are required to pursue their research training full-time. Fellowship appointments are for 12-month periods, with the potential for reappointment based on trainee progress.

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Application Cover Page

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DIRECTIONS: Please provide the following information requested below and on the following Checklist page. To *SAVE paper*, please send the entire application as an Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file to bertsing@upenn.edu.

Applicant Name (last, first, middle): _____

Proposed Dates of Support: _____

Proposed Mentors: Please list the names of any potential mentors you have identified at Penn:

Have you received prior NRSA support? (circle one) YES NO

If YES, list all with dates of prior NRSA support: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ *Date* _____

[An electronic signature will be accepted. Type your full name and the date.]

Privacy and Confidentiality: All applicant materials received are stored in a locked filing cabinet to maintain applicant confidentiality and privacy. Additionally, electronic files received are encrypted and stored on a secure server accessible only to the Program Directors and Research Manager.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST PAGE

Required Attachments:

- Application Cover Page (signed; electronic signatures are accepted)
- Personal Statement (2 pages):** Your personal statement should address why you have selected this career path and your commitment to Nursing science and an academic research career.
- Professional Development Plan (1 page):** Using the table format provided below, describe your goals and objectives that will be accomplished during the training period (i.e., learn new research methods and skills; participatory/observational research experience(s); plans to obtain intramural/pilot funding or independent research funding). It is expected that this plan will be refined and further expanded upon in collaboration with your mentorship team.

QUARTER	GOALS	OBJECTIVES
JULY – SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER – DECEMBER		
JANUARY – MARCH		
APRIL - JUNE		

- Brief Research Project (2 pages):** Provide a description of a research project that you would like to develop and execute during the appointment period. Using the Specific Aims format, describe concisely the goal(s) of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s), including the scientific problem of significance, approach and aims, and innovation/impact of the proposed research. Fellows will have the opportunity to further develop the research project in collaboration with their established mentorship team.
- Reference Letters (3 referees):** Provide written recommendation letters from at least three individuals who are able to speak to your prior research experience and future scholarship potential. One referee must be a member of your dissertation committee. Letters should be addressed to the program's Executive Committee and may be sent directly from referee via email to bertsing@upenn.edu.
- Other Supporting Documents:**
 - Curriculum Vitae (Resume)
 - Provide a select sample of publications, and/or other scholarly work.
 - Official Academic Transcripts (sealed): Transcripts should be directed to Lucinda Bertsinger, PENN Nursing, 418 Curie Blvd RM 355, Philadelphia, PA 19104-4217, or may be sent electronically from an organization's registrar to bertsing@upenn.edu.