PROGRAM BACKGROUND
The VA Quality Scholars Program (VAQS) is the premier training program in quality improvement and patient safety at the United States Department for Veterans Affairs. For over 15 years, VA Quality Scholars has served as an international bellwether for training healthcare professionals in quality improvement scholarship. Alumni of the VAQS impact health care quality inside the VA and beyond including leadership positions that directly work to improve healthcare.

OUR MISSION
The Mission of this fellowship program is to develop leaders, researchers, and educators who will:
• Apply knowledge and methods of health care improvement for the care of Veterans
• Innovate and continually improve healthcare within and outside of VA
• Teach health professionals about quality improvement and patient safety
• Perform scholarly activities that contribute new knowledge to the quality and value of healthcare

OUR VISION
Upon completing this program, fellows will demonstrate competence in:
• Interprofessional Collaboration and Teamwork
• Improvement Methods and Skills
• Organization and System Leadership for Quality and Safety
• Research

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS
• Weekly interactive video conferences
• National program meetings
• Fellow-led improvement projects
• Clinical and education activities
• Mentoring

FINANCIAL & OTHER SUPPORT
• Salary based on PGY rates (for physicians) or fellow stipends (for nurses) at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
• Health insurance benefits

Physician Eligibility Requirements
• Completed ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship training
• Board-eligible or board-certified
• Active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice medicine
• U. S. citizenship

Nurse Eligibility Requirements
• Acceptance into a DNP or PhD program OR completion of DNP or PhD in Nursing, Public Health, or related field
• Active RN license
• U. S. citizenship

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