

## Primary Integrated Care Training Grant

The Departments of Psychology and Family Medicine at ECU were recently awarded a \$750,000 Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to train doctoral-level psychologists.

**Purpose.** The purpose of the grant is to prepare doctoral-level psychologists to provide mental and behavioral health care in settings that provide integrated primary and behavioral health services to underserved and/or rural populations. This program strives to provide cutting-edge training in primary integrated care to students who possess a passion for working with poor, rural, and underserved patients.

**Training.** Six health psychology doctoral students (from the Clinical Health/Pediatric School Psychology concentrations) will be selected each year. The program aims to train 18 doctoral students over the three-year grant period (2016-2019).

**Benefits.** As an integrated healthcare trainee, each intern will receive:

- Gain specialized knowledge and skills related to integrated behavioral health;
- Participant in a didactic curriculum intentionally designed to prepare students for practice in a integrated settings;
- Learn to function as behavioral health consultants, fully integrated and collaborating with medical and other multidisciplinary health providers (residents, physician extenders, nutritionists, pharmacists, nurses, and social

workers) to provide brief assessment and intervention at the point-of-care;

- Receive a \$25,000 stipend (does not include tuition, fees, or health insurance).

To learn more about HRSA: <http://www.hrsa.gov/index.html>