



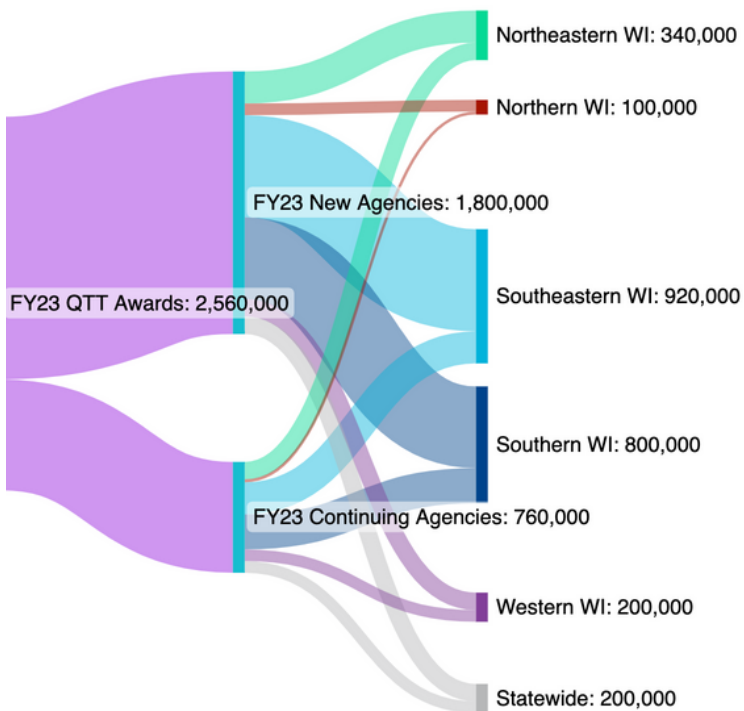
Qualified Treatment Trainees Grants Program

Overview - What is the QTT Grants Program?

The Wisconsin QTT Grants Program is an investment in workforce development and system improvement by Department of Health Services (DHS) to address the workforce shortage of behavioral health professionals. The program scope of work is to increase the number of behavioral health professionals available to provide services by awarding grants to agencies to increase the number of QTTs providing services in the agency's DHS 35 outpatient mental health clinics and to invest in statewide QTT supervisor development. A QTT requires both direct practice experience and supervision to fulfill requirements for the credentialing process. The QTT Grants Program increases access to required employment experience and the supervision necessary during this process by expanding financial and supervisory support at qualified agencies. In Fiscal Year 2023, the program's scope of work will address diversity, equity, and inclusion barriers by awarding grants to unpaid or underpaid QTTs and grants to agencies to address underserved communities. This scope also includes engagement in system improvement through work to increase the availability of professionals with education in providing dual diagnoses services and addressing barriers for students to leverage an associate human services degree to complete a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Sankey of funding flow by region of state

State Fiscal Year 2023 Expanding Agency Award funding flow chart by Expanding award type and state regions.



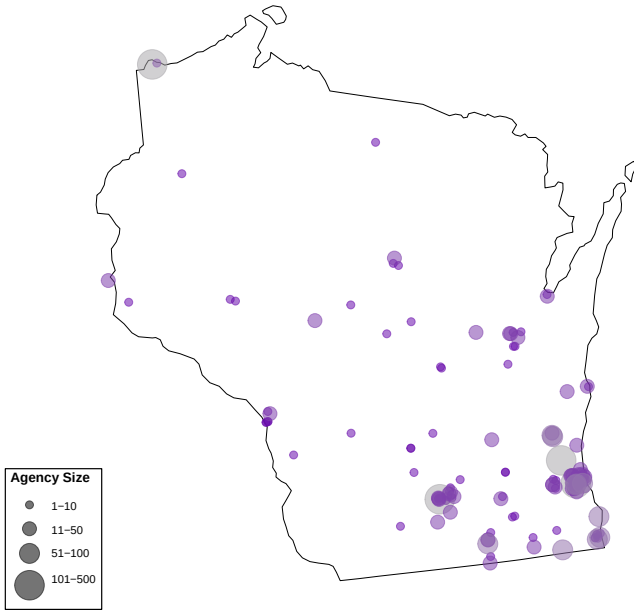
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Chart of program descriptions

Emerging	Grants to agencies that do not currently hire and supervise post-graduate QTT to begin hiring and supervising post-graduate QTTs.
Culturally Responsive Emerging Agency	The purpose of this program is to address unique barriers to accessing culturally responsive treatment services by supporting BIPOC-serving agencies to increase their capacity to serve racially diverse, un- and underinsured/Medicaid patients, and communities in shortage areas, including by hiring a QTT.
Supplemental Accommodations	The purpose of this program is to provide support to agencies in hiring and internally supervising QTTs with a communications-related need for accommodations, such as a QTT who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
Expanding	The purpose of this program is to assist grantee agencies that currently support graduate QTTs to hire one additional QTT. A QTT supervisor from each grantee agency also participates in the QTT supervisor training initiative (a one-day workshop and monthly community of practice). Grants are split evenly between adult and youth program support.
QTT Stipend	This program awards stipends to QTTs who are unpaid or underpaid by employing agencies in order to promote retention until certification.
Post Masters Dual-Diagnosis Certificate	The purpose of this program is to develop and offer a post-masters certificate (providing greater depth into dual-diagnosis treatment than can be offered in standard graduate education due to accreditation requirements) for treating people with dual diagnoses of mental health and substance use disorder.
Improved Pathways to BSW	This grant funds developing and partnering with regional technical colleges and 2-year UW campuses to align "human service associate programs" and create a pathway to Bachelors of Social Work degree.

Expanding Awards

Expanding awardees by organization size



Professional Development Initiative

Number of supervisor participants



1,242 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) issued

47 Community of practice meetings offered

Expanding awardee growth by fiscal year



Expanding Agency Awards

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14

54



FY23

Expanding Agency Awards

Continuing Expanding Agency Awards

Total Expanding Agency Awards

89

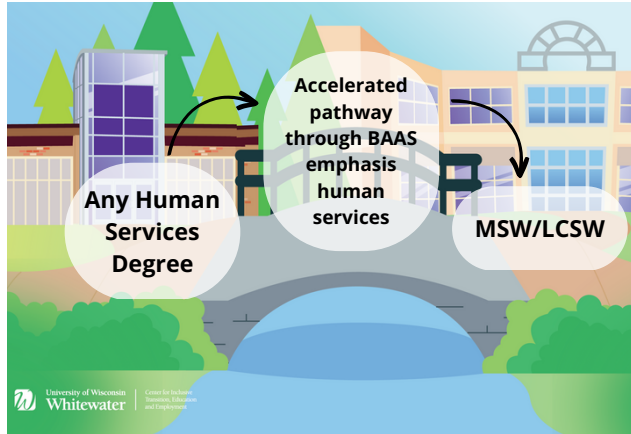
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Investing in Future Workforce

Human Services Pathway

UW-Rock County/Whitewater Accelerated Pathway Program



Program details

- Introductory social work course now offered at UW-Rock County
- UW social work department faculty office hours and presence at UW-Rock County
- 11 students enrolled in introductory course
- Weekly outreach events

Dual Diagnosis - Focus on co-occurring mental health and substance use treatment

28 participants trained in ASAM training offered at UW-Whitewater

Training Title: Integrative Strategies for Treating Co-Occurring Disorders

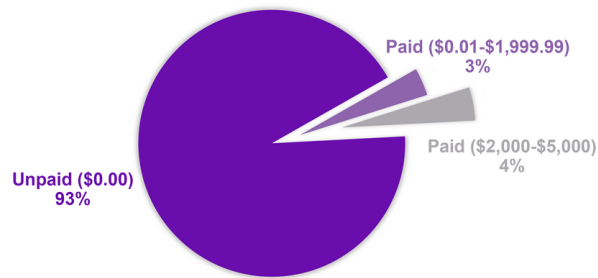
UW-Whitewater CITEE is developing an online, post-graduate professional development course for new, as well as more experienced therapists, to enhance their understanding of the key issues involved in assessing and treating clients with co-occurring issues. We are creating an easy-to-follow framework model based on best practices with co-occurring disorders. This training program will not only tackle the basics of co-occurring disorders, but also provide an assessment tool/framework to better assess co-occurring disorders and client risk and apply practical implementation of treatment approaches. This innovative and highly engaging training will feature multi-modal learning, short videos, gamification, quizzes and short case studies.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria is used for assessment, service planning, placement, and continued stay and discharge of individuals with addictive disorders. During Summer 2022, UW-Whitewater's graduate social work department integrated a 6 hour, online training into the substance use disorders treatment course. This training will be offered again Summer 2023 for the next cohort of graduate students, and hopefully to other graduate and post-graduate professionals across Wisconsin. The ability to assess substance use disorders is a critical component of the diagnosis and treatment of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. It will be integrated in a different manner in the final post-graduate course.

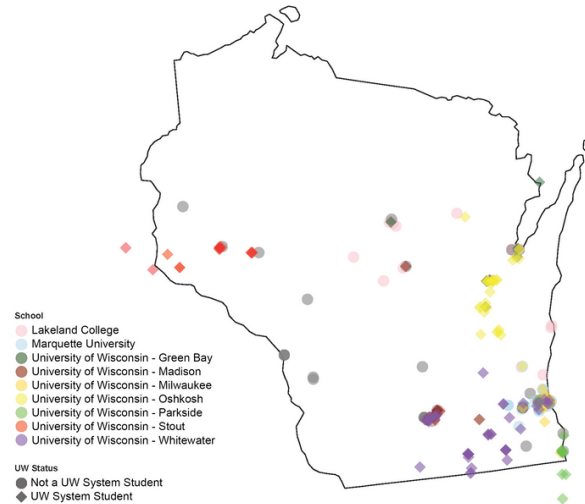
Graduate Student Award

260 total Graduate Student awards

Total number of paid internships vs. unpaid



QTT Graduate Student Award by internship location and school



Student testimonials

"I am so excited to have received this news. It means the world to me. I don't have to move and I can afford to keep my apartment and not live in my car or on a friend's couch."

"It will eliminate the financial barrier as a single mother of two young children. I believe higher education breaks cycle of poverty and open up opportunities for younger generations to come. I am truly blessed with this award. I cannot express my gratitude enough to show my appreciation."

"I am incredibly grateful for this kind support from the program. These funds will enable me and my family to continue forward as newly-minted Wisconsin residents, to live and work towards the wellness of our neighbors and our community."

"This grant will make it possible for me to afford my living expenses while completing my counseling practicum and internship. Prior to receiving this grant, I was under a great amount of stress, worrying how this endeavor would be financially possible for me. Becoming a mental health counselor has been my lifelong dream"