



HEARTLAND NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CENTER NURSING MINI-FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center (HNTC) is offering Nursing Mini-Fellowships targeted to nurses (RN, LVN, advanced practice nurses) who would benefit from participation in an intensive learning experience in the Nurse Case management of tuberculosis (TB) patients. The Nursing Mini-Fellowship Program at HNTC provides an innovative curriculum with a comprehensive 3-4 day course for nurses in the management of tuberculosis. The program provides an in-depth training experience covering knowledge and skills essential for the nurse with primary responsibility for TB case management of patients with advance and complex pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB. The content of the Nursing Mini-Fellowship Program includes:

1. Opportunities for one-on-one learning experiences with a TB Nurse Expert in the evaluation and management of patients with pulmonary TB, MDR-TB, and latent TB infection. Planning CI, Laboratory test, management of MDR patients, DOT.
2. Experience with TB patients in an inpatient and outpatient setting with an expert TB physician.
3. Experience administering Directly Observed Therapy to patients whose management is complicated by complex psychosocial, economic, and/or ethical issues.
4. Experience interacting with local and state public health authorities in control of TB, with participation in case conferences.
5. Experience in basic TB Mycobacterial Laboratory and/or Research Laboratory.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Evaluate and manage patients with pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB
2. Provide excellent nurse case management in an inpatient and outpatient setting
3. Identify strategies to successfully address the challenges of MDR TB patients
4. Recognize and understand the benefits of Direct observed Therapy (DOT)
5. Identify the fundamentals of Contact Investigation in order to make successful decisions to prevent future cases of TB
6. review basic laboratory diagnostic procedures, new tools and terminology
7. Understand the role of the laboratory in TB control
8. Understand the significance of interacting with local and state public health authorities in control of TB

The Nursing Mini-Fellowship will be conducted at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease, a 72-bed facility for the inpatient treatment of TB patients, located in San Antonio, Texas. Additionally, visits to the City Chest Clinic, and Women's Health Lab will be available. If you are interested in participating in this unique opportunity, please complete this application form and return it to HNTC **via fax (210) 531-4590**. Upon receipt of your completed application form and approval by your TB Controller, we will contact you regarding your acceptance into the program.

PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the application form, ensuring that you have described your experience in caring for TB patients, the specific goals and objectives you hope to achieve during this fellowship, and several possible dates when available to attend.
2. **Return the completed application form to HNTC via fax (210) 531-4590.**
3. Your application will be shared with your TB Controller for prioritization. If selected by your TB Controller for attendance, HNTC will then contact you regarding your acceptance, discuss your specific learning needs and curriculum, and determine duration of the fellowship and dates of attendance.
4. Candidates are expected to cover their expenses.
5. If you have any questions, please contact your TB Controller or HNTC at 1-800-TEX-LUNG.

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APPLICATION

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Credentials: _____

Professional License Number(s)/State(s) Issued: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone(s): _____ Ext: _____

Fax: _____

The best method to contact me is:

- E-Mail Fax Telephone Mail

Please describe your experience in caring for persons with tuberculosis:

What specific goals and objectives do you hope to achieve during this training?

How will you use the information you gain?

What dates/weeks are you available to attend?

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Length of training (minimum of 1 day – maximum of 5 days): _____

Please check the modules of interest to you. Your selections will be used in developing the curriculum for your mini-fellowship:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis and Treatment of LTBI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment of TB | <input type="checkbox"/> BCG Vaccine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-Line TB Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Infection Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second-Line TB Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Tuberculous Mycobacterial Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual Radiographs in TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pulmonary Infections Resembling TB (Nocardia, Actino, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extrapulmonary TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Survey of Endemic Mycoses (Histo, Cocci, Blasto, Crypto) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miliary TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Overview of HIV/AIDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complex TB Cases | <input type="checkbox"/> HAART Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MDR-TB | <input type="checkbox"/> Review of Viral Hepatitis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/TB Co-Infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Diagnosis of TB |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient Management of TB |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDC, IDSA, ATS Guidelines | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Ordered TB Management | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues in TB Management | |

Please list any additional needs or interests (please be as specific as possible):

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____