ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR EDUCATION (ACOS/E) OFFICE
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) PROGRAM
VA NEW TRAINEE APPLICATION PACKET

This application packet is for Trainees who never rotated at the Southeastern Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) as a Resident or Fellow. This process must start at least 60 days prior to your assigned rotation at the VA.

VA GME PROGRAM OFFICE:
2400 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119
Administration Building, 1st Floor, Room 1Q101
GME Manager: Crystal Cruz
crystal.cruz2@va.gov; (504) 507-2000 ext. 67518

Have you ever rotated at a VA facility? ◯ No ◯ Yes
If answer is yes, please state previous VA location:
If you are coming from another VA, what is the last date at your current VA (we will transfer your account after this date)?

CHECKLIST-PLEASE COMPLETE AND ATTACH THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW:

- ☐ Online TMS Training–VHA Mandatory Training for Trainees Certificate **(must submit copy of certificate)**
- ☐ COVID-19 form with proof of documentation
- ☐ Application Form 10-2850D
- ☐ Without Compensation Appointment Letter
- ☐ Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)
- ☐ Drug Testing Notification Form
- ☐ Appointment Affidavit Standard Form 61 **(The VA GME Office will notarize the bottom portion of this form)**

ALL NEW TRAINEES MUST COMPLETE A FINGERPRINT APPOINTMENT AND A PHOTO SESSION
(**Trainee must have a US social security number**)

LOCAL TRAINEES: Email the VA GME Office at vhanolgmefingerprinting@va.gov for a fingerprint appointment. Appointments are Mondays-Fridays, 8:00am-3:00pm. Please ensure to include your program affiliation and your contact information in your signature block. After your appointment attach the fingerprint form with your application. Let us know if you were previously credentialed and received a VA ID card at the New Orleans VA as a medical student and we will update you in the system.

OUT OF TOWN TRAINEES:
Please schedule a fingerprint appointment with your local VA. This is a 15 minute session. All VA office locations can be found using the following website https://www.osp.va.gov/Badge_Office_Locations.asp. Bring the fingerprint form to your VA appointment to have the Staff date and sign when completing your fingerprints. Give them the New Orleans VA fingerprint codes (SON-1320 and SOI-VAC0) provided on the form. Ensure to also have 2 government issued IDs with you (ex: passport, drivers license or State ID, etc.). The fingerprint form should be turned in with the rest of your VA application paperwork.

- The New Orleans VA GME office will collaborate with you to schedule your photo/ID card appointment so you receive your VA (PIV) ID card before your assigned rotation. This should be done at least 30 days before your rotation.

Mandatory Training for New Trainees

Prior to coming to VA to begin your clinical training, you are required to complete a mandatory on-line training course titled **VHA Mandatory Training for Trainees**. This training is available through the VA Talent Management System (TMS) 2.0. Follow the steps listed below to create a new profile. If you already have a VA TMS account from another VA, contact your local VA POC or call the VA National Helpdesk at 1 855-673-4357 to transfer your account. You will not need to create a new TMS account.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. From a computer, launch a web browser and navigate to https://www.tms.va.gov/secureauth35/. Pop-Up blockers MUST BE TURNED OFF. WE RECOMMED YOU USE INTERENET EXPLORER AS THE OTHER BROWSERS MAY GIVE ERROR MESSAGES WHEN TRYING TO CONNECT TO THE LINK.

2. Click the [**Create New User**] button.
3. Select the radio button for **Veterans Health Administration (VHA)** Click the [Next] button
4. Select the radio button for **Health Professions Trainee** (NOT WOC) Click the [Next] button
5. Complete all required fields, indicated by asterisk* and any non-required fields if possible.
   Note: The email address you enter here will be your username to log into the system.
   a. My Job Information:
      i. VA Location Code – (**NOL**)
      ii. Trainee Type – (**Health Profession trainee)**
      iii. Specialty/Discipline
      iv. VA Point of Contact First Name: **Crystal**
      v. VA Point of Contact Last Name: **Cruz**
      vi. VA Point of Contact Email: **crystal.cruz2@va.gov**
      vii. School/University:
      viii. School/University Start Date:
      ix. Estimated School/University Completion Date: **(enter in your residency graduation date)**

6. After registering you may need to wait 20 minutes for the system to generate your account.
7. Your username will be the email you registered with.
8. Once you have successfully logged into your new account complete the training item course titled "VHA Mandatory Training for Trainees" shown in your to do list.
9. Exit the item as instructed to accurately record your effort.
10. To print a Certification of Completion, click on your "training history" and "save" the training certificate.

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

COVID-19 VACCINATION FORM

I am a VA: ☐ Employee ☐ Volunteer ☐ Other (ex: Trainee, Resident, Intern, Fee Basis, or Researcher)

Please indicate: _____

CHECK THE STATEMENT(S) FOR WHICH YOU MEET THE CRITERIA AND COMPLETE AND SIGN THE LAST SECTION OF THIS FORM PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO YOUR SUPERVISOR. PLEASE READ THE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW TO LEARN THE CRITERIA TO REQUEST A MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION. YOU MAY SELECT MEDICAL EXCEPTION, RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION, OR SELECT BOTH IF YOU MEET THE CRITERIA FOR BOTH A MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION.

☐ FULLY VACCINATED *(Required documentation attached):*

I have received a complete COVID-19 vaccine series. Please complete the following information:

Type of vaccine administered:

- ☐ ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD
- ☐ JOHNSON AND JOHNSON (J&J)/JANSSEN
- ☐ MODERNA
- ☐ PFIZER
- ☐ OTHER

Date(s) of Administration: _____ _____

Name of health care professional, clinical site, or vaccination event that administered the vaccine:

_____

To verify the information entered, please attach a copy of the documents showing you received your vaccine(s). Acceptable forms of documentation include a copy of:

- The signed record of immunization from a health care provider or pharmacy,
- COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (CDC Form MLS-319813_r, published on September 3, 2020),
- Record of immunization from a health care provider or pharmacy;
- Medical records documenting the vaccination; or
- Immunization records from a public health or state immunization information system.

☐ FULLY VACCINATED *(Attached is a VA Form 10-5345 to authorize Employee Occupational Health to release my COVID-19 vaccination record to verify my vaccination status)*:

I have received a complete COVID-19 vaccine series and was vaccinated by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). I authorize VHA to use and disclose my health information as related to the care and treatment for infection with COVID-19, including test results and vaccination status, to certain personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) who have a need for the information in the performance of their duties, to promote the health and safety of the Federal workforce and the efficiency of the civil service.

☐ MEDICAL EXCEPTION:

I have a medical exception to receiving the COVID-19 vaccination and am requesting a reasonable accommodation. This submission will be used to notify my supervisor to initiate the reasonable accommodation process. Approval of the requested accommodation is subject to the outcome of the reasonable accommodation process. If the accommodation is approved, I acknowledge that according to requirements and guidelines within the VA Notice, Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program for VA Employees, I must:

- Wear a face mask;
- Physically distance;
- Submit to COVID-19 testing;
- Be subject to Government-wide travel restrictions on official travel; and
- Any other mitigation strategies required as part of the accommodation.

☐ RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION:

I have a sincerely held religious belief that prevents me from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and am requesting a reasonable accommodation. This submission will be used to notify my supervisor to initiate the reasonable accommodation process. Approval of the requested accommodation is subject to the outcome of the reasonable accommodation process. If the accommodation is approved, I acknowledge that according to requirements and guidelines within the VA Notice, Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program for VA Employees I must:

- Wear a face mask;
- Physically distance;
- Submit to COVID-19 testing;
- Be subject to Government-wide travel restrictions on official travel; and
- Any other mitigation strategies required as part of the accommodation.

☐ MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXCEPTION (BOTH):

I have both a medical and religious exception to receiving the COVID-19 vaccination and am requesting a reasonable accommodation. This submission will be used to notify my supervisor to initiate the reasonable accommodation process. Approval of the requested accommodation(s) is/are subject to the outcome of the reasonable accommodation process. If the accommodation(s) is/are approved, I acknowledge that according to requirements and guidelines within the VA Notice, Mandatory Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program for VA Employees, I must:

- Wear a face mask;
- Physically distance;
- Submit to COVID-19 testing;
- Be subject to Government-wide travel restrictions on official travel; and
- Any other mitigation strategies required as part of the accommodation.

NOTE: Declaring an exception for a medical condition or religious exception requires the supervisor to engage in the reasonable accommodation process in accordance with VA Handbook 5975.1 and VA Directive 5975.

Name (print): _____

Dept./Serv: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date *(MM/DD/YYYY)*: _____

VA employees provide this form to your supervisor.

Health Professions Trainees (HPTs) requesting medical or religious exceptions provide this form to the Designated Education Officer (DEO); and proof of vaccination is provided to the DEO via the Trainee Qualifications and Credentials Verification Letter (TQCVL). HPTs who request a medical or religious exception will follow the same reasonable accommodation process established for employees.

Privacy Act Statement:

Authority:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. chapters 11 and 79, and in discharging the functions directed under Executive Order 14043, Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees (Sept. 9, 2021), we are authorized to collect this information. The authority for the system of records notices (SORN) associated with this collection of information, OPM/GOVT-10, Employee Medical File System of Records, 75 Fed. Reg. 35099 (June 21, 2010), amended 80 Fed. Reg. 74815 (Nov. 30, 2015), for title 5 employees, and 08VA05, Employee Medical File System Records (Title 38)-VA, for title 38 employees, also includes 5 U.S.C. chapters 33 and 63 and Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Program for Federal Employees (Feb. 26, 1980). Providing this information is mandatory, and we are authorized to impose penalties for failure to provide the information pursuant to applicable Federal personnel laws and regulations.

Purpose

This information is being collected and maintained to promote the safety of Federal workplaces and the Federal workforce consistent with the above-referenced authorities, Executive Order 13991, Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing (Jan. 20, 2021), the COVID-19 Workplace Safety: Agency Model Safety Principles established by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force, and guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Routine Uses

While the information requested is intended to be used primarily for internal purposes, in certain circumstances it may be necessary to disclose this information externally, for example to disclose information to: a Federal, State, or local agency to the extent necessary to comply with laws governing reporting of communicable disease or other laws concerning health and safety in the work environment; to adjudicative bodies (e.g., the Merit System Protection Board), arbitrators, and hearing examiners to the extent necessary to carry out their authorized duties regarding Federal employment; to contractors, grantees, or volunteers as necessary to perform their duties for the Federal Government; to other agencies, courts, and persons as necessary and relevant in the course of litigation, and as necessary and in accordance with requirements for law enforcement; or to a person authorized to act on your behalf. A complete list of the routine uses can be found in the SORNs associated with this collection of information.

Consequence of Failure to Provide Information:

Providing this information is mandatory. Unless granted a legally required exception, all covered Federal employees are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to provide documentation concerning their vaccination status to their employing agency. Unless you have been granted a legally required exception, failure to provide this information may subject you to disciplinary action, including and up to removal from Federal service.

Certification

I sign this document under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct, and that I am the person named above. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001). I understand that if I am a Federal employee or contractor making a false statement on this form could result in additional administrative action, including an adverse personnel action up to and including removal from my position or removal from a contract.

OMB Number: 2900-0205
Estimated Burden: 30 minutes

Department of Veterans Affairs — APPLICATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINEES

SEE LAST PAGE FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT, PRIVACY ACT AND INFORMATION ABOUT DISCLOSURE OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit this application furnishing all information in sufficient detail to enable the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to determine your eligibility for appointment. Type or print in ink. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet and refer to items being answered by number. Applications for clinical training programs may require additional information. All information required by the training program to which you are applying, as well as information requested on all application forms, must be included.

VA must protect the safety of our patients. Therefore, at some point in the appointment process, you will be asked questions about your physical and mental health. This includes questions as to whether you have received tuberculin testing, hepatitis B vaccinations or any other vaccinations.

1A. NAME (Last, First, Middle)		1B. OTHER NAMES USED	
2. PRESENT ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)		3A - PRIMARY PHONE (Include area code) 3B - ALTERNATE PHONE (Include area code)	
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5A. PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS	5B. ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS	6. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)
7A. VA TRAINING FACILITY (City, State)	7B. VA TRAINING START DATE (mm/yyyy) ☒ UNKNOWN	7C. VA TRAINING END DATE (mm/yyyy) ☒ UNKNOWN	

II - U.S. MILITARY DUTY STATUS

8A. ARE YOU NOW IN U.S. MILITARY?	8B. ARE YOU IN THE RESERVES OR NATIONAL GUARD?	8C. BRANCH OF SERVICE
☐ YES *(If YES, complete 8c)* ☐ NO	☐ YES *(If YES, complete 8c)* ☐ NO	

III - CITIZENSHIP

9A. CITIZENSHIP	9B. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
◯ U.S. CITIZEN BY BIRTH ◯ NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN ◯ NOT A U.S. CITIZEN (Complete item 9B)	

NOTE: Complete items 10A, 10B, 10C, or 10D ONLY if you are NOT a U.S. citizen.

10A. IMMIGRANT	10B. EXCHANGE VISITOR		10C. OTHER NON-IMMIGRANT		10D. FORM DS2019
"A" NUMBER	VISA TYPE	VISA NUMBER	VISA TYPE	VISA NUMBER	DO YOU HAVE A VALID DS2019? ☐ YES ☐ NO
DATE	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	DATE OF LAST VALIDATION (MM/DD/YYYY)

IV- THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DESIGNATED EDUCATION OFFICER (DEO) OR DESIGNEE

11A. The trainee has met all of the criteria of the Trainee Qualifications & Credentials Verification Letter (TQCVL).	☐ YES ☐ NO
11B. Incomplete items on the TQCVL have been addressed and resolved.	☐ YES ☐ NO
11C. Special attention has been given to the following items from the application forms.	
11D. Comments:	
11E. This applicant has been approved for appointment.	☐ YES ☐ NO
11F. Comments:	

12A. SIGNATURE OF FACILITY DESIGNATED EDUCATION OFFICER OR DESIGNEE	12B. TITLE VA ACOS/Education Staff	12C. DATE

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

V- LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN CURRENT CLINICAL PROFESSION

13A. LIST ALL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS,AND REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA), THAT YOU HAVE NOW OR HAVE HAD AS A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, I.E. MEDICAL, NURSING, PHARMACY, ETC.	13B. STATE ISSUING LICENSE	13C. LICENSE, CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION NUMBER	13D. EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

VI- LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN OTHER/PREVIOUS CLINICAL PROFESSION(S)

14A. LIST ALL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING DEA, THAT YOU HAVE EVER HAD AS A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, I.E. MEDICAL, NURSING, PHARMACY, ETC.	14B. STATE ISSUING LICENSE	14C. LICENSE, CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION NUMBER	14D. EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

15. ENTER YOUR NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI)

The following two questions apply to both your current health profession and any prior health profession.

16. DO YOU HAVE PENDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE (INCLUDING DEA CERTIFICATE) REVOKED, SUSPENDED, DENIED, RESTRICTED, OR PLACED ON A PROBATIONARY STATUS, OR HAVE YOU EVER VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN LIEU OF FORMAL ACTION? ◯ YES - EXPLAIN IN PART XI ◯ NO

17. DO YOU HAVE PENDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD CLINICAL PRIVILEGES AT ANY HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION OR AGENCY REVOKED, SUSPENDED, DENIED, RESTRICTED, LIMITED, OR PLACED ON A PROBATIONARY STATUS, OR HAVE YOU EVER VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED CLINICAL PRIVILEGES IN LIEU OF FORMAL ACTION? ◯ YES - EXPLAIN IN PART XI ◯ NO

VII - EDUCATION AND TRAINING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH GRADUATE / PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (Continue in Part XI if necessary)

18A. NAME OF SCHOOL	18B. ADDRESS (City, State, and Zip Code)	18C. START DATE (MM/YY)	18D. (EXPECTED) COMPLETION DATE (MM/YY)	18E.DIPLOMA, DEGREE, OR CERTIFICATE AWARDED OR IN PROGRESS	18F. MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

VIII - GRADUATES OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

19A. ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL? ◯ YES ◯ NO	19B. EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES (ECFMG) CERTIFICATE NUMBER	19C. ECFMG CERTIFICATE DATE

IX- INTERNSHIP, RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP TRAINING

20A. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION	20B. ADDRESS (City, State and ZIP Code)	20C. SPECIALTY	20D. START DATE (MM/YY)	20E.(EXPECTED) COMPLETION DATE (MM/YY)	20F. NUMBER OF MONTHS COMPLETED

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

X - ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

ITEM	PLACE AN 'x' IN APPROPRIATE SPACE. IF YES, EXPLAIN DETAILS IN PART XI	YES	NO
21	AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR INVESTIGATED FOR MAKING FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS, WRITINGS, OR DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE DELIVERY OF OR PAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, ITEMS OR SERVICES THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL FALSE CLAIMS ACT?	◯	◯
22	ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL, OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH MALPRACTICE ON YOUR PART WAS ALLEGED? If yes, give details in Part XI, including name of action or proceedings, date filed, court or reviewing agency, and the status or outcome of the case concerning those allegations. Please also provide your explanation of what occurred. As a provider of health care services, the VA has an obligation to exercise reasonable care in determining that applicants are properly qualified. It is recognized that many allegations of professional malpractice are proven groundless. Any conclusion concerning your answer as it relates to professional qualifications will be made only after a full evaluation of the circumstances involved.	◯	◯
23	Do you need accommodations to perform the procedures and essential functions of the training position for which you have applied?	◯	◯

XI - REMARKS

ITEM NO.	(Include additional information requested in items above. Be sure to indicate Item number on Form to which the comment refers.)

XII - CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL OF MY STATEMENTS ARE TRUE, CORRECT, COMPLETE, AND MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

NOTE: A false statement on any part of your application may be grounds for not hiring you, or for terminating you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).

24A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (sign in dark ink)	24B. DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

In order for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assess and verify my educational background, professional qualifications and suitability for employment, I:

☐ Authorize VA to make inquiries about me to current and previous employers, educational institutions, state licensing boards, professional liability insurance carriers, other professional organizations or persons, agencies, organizations, or institutions listed by me as references, and to any other sources which VA may deem appropriate or be referred by those contacted;

☐ Authorize release of such information and copies of related records and documents to VA officials;

☐ Release from liability all those who provide information to VA in good faith and without malice in response to such inquiries;

☐ Authorize VA to disclose to such persons, employers, institutions, boards, or agencies identifying and other information about me to enable VA to make such inquiries; and

☐ Authorize VA to share any information about me with the affiliated institution or training program official.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering data, completing, and reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to VA Clearance Officer (005R1B), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Do not send applications to this address.

AUTHORITY: The information requested on this form and Authorization for Release of Information is solicited under Title 38, United States Code, Chapters 73 and 74.

PURPOSES AND USES: The information requested on the application is collected to determine your qualifications and suitability for appointment to a VA clinical training program. If you are appointed by VA, the information will be used to make pay and benefit determinations and in personnel administration processes carried out in accordance with established regulations and systems of records.

ROUTINE USES: Information on the form may be released without your prior consent outside the VA to another federal, state or local agency. It may be used to check the National Practitioner Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) or the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) maintained by Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), or to verify information with state licensing boards and other professional organizations or agencies to assist VA in determining your suitability for a clinical training appointment. This information may also be used periodically to verify, evaluate, and update your clinical privileges, credentials, and licensure status, to report apparent violations of law, to provide statistical data, or to provide information to a Congressional office in response to an inquiry made at your request. Such information may be released without your prior consent to federal agencies, state licensing boards, or similar boards or entities, in connection with the VA's reporting of information concerning your separation or resignation as a professional staff member under circumstances which raise serious concerns about your professional competence. Information concerning payments related to malpractice claims and adverse actions which affect clinical privileges also may be released to state licensing boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank. Information will be stored in a confidential and secure VA database for purposes of processing your application and may be verified through a computer matching program. Information from this form may also be used to survey you regarding employment opportunities in VA and to solicit you perceptions about your clinical training experiences at VA and non-VA facilities.

EFFECTS OF NON-DISCLOSURE: See statement below concerning disclosure of your social security number. Completion of this form is mandatory for consideration of your application for a clinical training position in VA; failure to provide this information may make impossible the proper application of Civil Service rules and regulations and VA personnel policies and may prevent you from obtaining employment, employee benefits, or other entitlements.

INFORMATION REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER UNDER PUBLIC LAW 93-579 SECTION 7(b)

Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) is mandatory to obtain the employment and benefits that you are seeking. Solicitation of the SSN is authorized under provisions of Executive Order 9397 dated November 22, 1943. The SSN is used as an identifier throughout your Federal career. It will be used primarily to identify your records. The SSN also will be used by Federal agencies in connection with lawful requests for information about you from former employers, educational institutions, and financial or other organizations. The information gathered through the use of the number will be used only as necessary in personnel administration processes carried out in accordance with established regulations and published notices of systems of records, 'Applicants for Employment' under Title 38, U.S.C.-VA (02VA135), in the 2003 Compilation of Privacy Act Issuances. The SSN will also be used for the selection of persons to be included in statistical studies of personnel management matters. The use of the SSN is necessary because of the large number of Federal employees and applicants with identical names and birth dates whose identities can only be distinguished by the SSN.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System
P. O. Box 61011
New Orleans LA 70161-1011

APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR TRAINEES PAID
THROUGH A DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Dear VA Health Professions Trainee:

Welcome to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS). You will be given a ***without compensation appointment*** at our facility as a Medical Resident/Fellow _____(*month/year start of academic year*), through _____ (*month/year of residency end date*), under the authority of Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 7406. During your period of appointment to our facility, you will be paid by VA using a disbursement agreement with LSU_____(*name of affiliated school*) and will be authorized to perform services as directed by your SLVHCS Site Director.

Acceptance of this letter, as signified by your signature below, and completion of the Standard Form (SF) 61 prior to the start of your training, serves as your appointment authorization for this training period. If you have prior federal service, you are requested to report to our Human Resources Management Office within 14 days of the beginning of your rotation for additional appointment information and processing. Please bring this letter with you, as well as any documents you may have relating to your prior federal service.

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Inger Alston
Chief, Human Resources Management Service

_____ _____
(Signature) (Date)

_____
(Printed or Typed Name)

_____
(School and Program)

Declaration for Federal Employment*

Form Approved:
OMB No. 3206-0182

(*This form may also be used to assess fitness for federal contract employment**)**

Instructions

The information collected on this form is used to determine your acceptability for Federal and Federal contract employment and your enrollment status in the Government's Life Insurance program. You may be asked to complete this form at any time during the hiring process. Follow instructions that the agency provides. If you are selected, before you are appointed you will be asked to update your responses on this form and on other materials submitted during the application process and then to recertify that your answers are true.

All your answers must be truthful and complete. **A false statement on any part of this declaration or attached forms or sheets may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by a fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001).**

Either type your responses on this form or print clearly in dark ink. If you need additional space, attach letter-size sheets (8.5" X 11"). Include your name, Social Security Number, and item number on each sheet. We recommend that you keep a photocopy of your completed form for your records.

Privacy Act Statement

The Office of Personnel Management is authorized to request this information under sections 1302, 3301, 3304, 3328, and 8716 of title 5, U. S. Code. Section 1104 of title 5 allows the Office of Personnel Management to delegate personnel management functions to other Federal agencies. If necessary, and usually in conjunction with another form or forms, this form may be used in conducting an investigation to determine your suitability or your ability to hold a security clearance, and it may be disclosed to authorized officials making similar, subsequent determinations.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) is needed to keep our records accurate, because other people may have the same name and birth date. Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996) asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records. Giving us your SSN or any other information is voluntary. However, if you do not give us your SSN or any other information requested, we cannot process your application. Incomplete addresses and ZIP Codes may also slow processing.

ROUTINE USES: Any disclosure of this record or information in this record is in accordance with routine uses found in System Notice OPM/GOVT-1, General Personnel Records. This system allows disclosure of information to: training facilities; organizations deciding claims for retirement, insurance, unemployment, or health benefits; officials in litigation or administrative proceedings where the Government is a party; law enforcement agencies concerning a violation of law or regulation; Federal agencies for statistical reports and studies; officials of labor organizations recognized by law in connection with representation of employees; Federal agencies or other sources requesting information for Federal agencies in connection with hiring or retaining, security clearance, security or suitability investigations, classifying jobs, contracting, or issuing licenses, grants, or other benefits; public and private organizations, including news media, which grant or publicize employee recognitions and awards; the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the National Archives and Records Administration, and Congressional offices in connection with their official functions; prospective non-Federal employers concerning tenure of employment, civil service status, length of service, and the date and nature of action for separation as shown on the SF 50 (or authorized exception) of a specifically identified individual; requesting organizations or individuals concerning the home address and other relevant information on those who might have contracted an illness or been exposed to a health hazard; authorized Federal and non-Federal agencies for use in computer matching; spouses or dependent children asking whether the employee has changed from a self-and-family to a self-only health benefits enrollment; individuals working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or job for the Federal government; non-agency members of an agency's performance or other panel; and agency-appointed representatives of employees concerning information issued to the employees about fitness-for-duty or agency-filed disability retirement procedures.

Public Burden Statement

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Declaration for Federal Employment*

Form Approved:
OMB No. 3206-0182

(*This form may also be used to assess fitness for federal contract employment)

General Information

1. FULL NAME (Provide your full name. If you have only initials in your name, provide them and indicate "Initial only". If you do not have a middle name, indicate "No Middle Name". If you are a "Jr.," "Sr.," etc. enter this under Suffix. First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

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2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

♦

3a. PLACE OF BIRTH (Include city and state or country)

♦

3b. ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If "NO", provide country of citizenship) ♦

4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM / DD / YYYY)

♦

5. OTHER NAMES EVER USED (For example, maiden name, nickname, etc.)

♦

♦

6. PHONE NUMBERS (Include area codes)

Day ♦

Night ♦

Selective Service Registration

If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.

7a. Were you born a male after December 31, 1959? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If "NO", proceed to 8.)

7b. Have you registered with the Selective Service System? ☐ YES (If "YES", proceed to 8.) ☐ NO (If "NO", proceed to 7c.)

7c. If "NO," describe your reason(s) in item 16.

Military Service

8. Have you ever served in the United States military? ☐ YES (If "YES", provide information below) ☐ NO

If your only active duty was training in the Reserves or National Guard, answer "NO."

If you answered "YES," list the branch, dates, and type of discharge for all active duty.

Branch	From (MM/DD/YYYY)	To (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type of Discharge

Background Information

For all questions, provide all additional requested information under item 16 or on attached sheets. The circumstances of each event you list will be considered. However, in most cases you can still be considered for Federal jobs.

For questions 9,10, and 11, your answers should include convictions resulting from a plea of *nolo contendere* (no contest), but omit (1) traffic fines of $300 or less, (2) any violation of law committed before your 16th birthday, (3) any violation of law committed before your 18th birthday if finally decided in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender law, (4) any conviction set aside under the Federal Youth Corrections Act or similar state law, and (5) any conviction for which the record was expunged under Federal or state law .

9. During the last 7 years, have you been convicted, been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole? (Includes felonies, firearms or explosives violations, misdemeanors, and all other offenses.) *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

10. Have you been convicted by a military court-martial in the past 7 years? *(If no military service, answer "NO.") If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the military authority or court involved.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

11. Are you currently under charges for any violation of law? *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, explanation of the charges, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

12. During the last 5 years, have you been fired from any job for any reason, did you quit after being told that you would be fired, did you leave any job by mutual agreement because of specific problems, or were you debarred from Federal employment by the Office of Personnel Management or any other Federal agency? *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the date, an explanation of the problem, reason for leaving, and the employer's name and address.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

13. Are you delinquent on any Federal debt? (Includes delinquencies arising from Federal taxes, loans, overpayment of benefits, and other debts to the U.S. Government, plus defaults of Federally guaranteed or insured loans such as student and home mortgage loans.) *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the type, length, and amount of the delinquency or default, and steps that you are taking to correct the error or repay the debt.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Additional Questions

14. Do any of your relatives work for the agency or government organization to which you are submitting this form? (Include: father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, and half-sister.) *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the relative's name, relationship, and the department, agency, or branch of the Armed Forces for which your relativeworks.* ☐ YES ☐ NO

15. Do you receive, or have you ever applied for, retirement pay, pension, or other retired pay based on military, Federal civilian, or District of Columbia Government service? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Continuation Space / Agency Optional Questions

16. Provide details requested in items 7 through 15 and 18c in the space below or on attached sheets. Be sure to identify attached sheets with your name, Social Security Number, and item number, and to include ZIP Codes in all addresses. If any questions are printed below, please answer as instructed *(these questions are specific to your position and your agency is authorized to ask them).*

Certifications / Additional Questions

APPLICANT: If you are applying for a position and received a tentative/conditional job offer or have not yet been selected, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets.

APPOINTEE: If you are being appointed, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets, including any other application materials that your agency has attached to this form. If any information requires correction to be accurate as of the date you are signing, make changes on this form or the attachments and/or provide updated information on additional sheets, initialing and dating all changes and additions. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, read item 17, complete 17b, read 18, and answer 18a, 18b, and 18c as appropriate.

17. **I certify** that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this Declaration for Federal Employment, including any attached application materials, is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. **I understand that a false or fraudulent answer to any question or item on any part of this declaration or its attachments may be grounds for not hiring me, or for firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment. I understand** that any information I give may be investigated for purposes of determining eligibility for Federal employment as allowed by law or Presidential order. **I consent** to the release of information about my ability and fitness for Federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to investigators, personnel specialists, and other authorized employees or representatives of the Federal Government. **I understand** that for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and some other sources of information, a separate specific release may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

17a. Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____ (MM / DD / YYYY)

17b. Appointee's Signature: _____ Date: _____ (MM / DD / YYYY)

Appointing Officer:
Enter Date of Appointment or Conversion
MM / DD / YYYY

18. **Appointee (Only respond if you have been employed by the Federal Government before):** Your elections of life insurance during previous Federal employment may affect your eligibility for life insurance during your new appointment. These questions are asked to help your personnel office make a correct determination.

18a. When did you leave your last Federal job? Date: (MM / DD / YYYY)

18b. When you worked for the Federal Government the last time, did you waive Basic Life Insurance or any type of optional life insurance? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DO NOT KNOW

18c. If you answered "YES" to item 18b, did you later cancel the waiver(s)? If your answer to item 18c is "NO," use item 16 to identify the type(s) of insurance for which waivers were not canceled. ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DO NOT KNOW

Department of Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

From: VHA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA)

Subj: Random Drug Testing Notification and Acknowledgement

To: Health Professions Trainee (HPT) in a Testing Designated Positions (TDP)

1. On September 15, 1986, President Reagan signed Executive Order 12564, Drug-Free Federal Workplace, establishing a policy against the use of illegal drugs by Federal employees, whether on or off duty. In accordance with the Executive Order, VA has established a Drug-Free Workplace Program to include random testing for the use of illegal drugs by employees (to include trainees) in sensitive positions.

2. This is to notify you that as an HPT in a sensitive position you may be subject to random drug testing. The testing procedures, including the collection of a urine specimen, will be conducted in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Guidelines for Drug Testing Programs.

    a. The only VHA Training Programs exempt from Random Drug Testing per policy are: Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplain), Social Work, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Audiology, Speech Pathology, Non-Clinical and Administrative

3. You can be assured that the quality of testing procedures is tightly controlled, that the test used to confirm use of illegal drugs is highly reliable and that the test results will be handled with maximum respect for individual confidentiality, consistent with safety and security.

4. As a trainee subject to random drug testing you should be aware of the following:

    - Counseling and rehabilitation assistance are available to all trainees through existing Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) at VA facilities (information on EAP can be obtained from your local Human Resources office).
    - You will be given the opportunity to submit supplemental medical documentation of lawful use of an otherwise illegal drug to a Medical Review Officer (MRO).
    - VA will initiate termination of VA appointment and/or dismissal from VA rotation proceedings against any trainee who is found to use illegal drugs on the basis of a verified positive drug test.
    - Termination and/or dismissal from VA rotation proceedings will be initiated against any trainee who refuses to be tested.

5. Random testing will begin no sooner than 30 days from the date you sign this acknowledgement.

6. Visit the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Work-Life webpage for information on Services Available for You, Guidance & Legislation as well as Substance User Disorder. https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/worklife/employee-assistance-programs/

I acknowledge receiving and reading the notice which states that my position may be designated for random drug testing, and that, if selected, refusal to submit to testing will result in termination and/or dismissal from the VA.

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Training Program and Affiliate

_____ _____

Print Name and Date Signed Signature

APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS

Health Professions Trainee
(Position to which Appointed)

07/01
(Date Appointed)

Southeast Louisiana VA HCS
(Department or Agency)

629
(Bureau or Division)

New Orleans, LA
(Place of Employment)

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that--

A. OATH OF OFFICE

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

B. AFFIDAVIT AS TO STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

I am not participating in any strike against the Government of the United States or any agency thereof, and I will not so participate while an employee of the Government of the United States or any agency thereof.

C. AFFIDAVIT AS TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF OFFICE

I have not, nor has anyone acting in my behalf, given, transferred, promised or paid any consideration for or in expectation or hope of receiving assistance in securing this appointment.

_____
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 1 day of JULY , 2____

at New Orleans
(City)

Louisiana
(State)

_____
(Signature of Officer)

(SEAL)

Commission expires_____
(If by a Notary Public, the date of his/her Commission should be shown)

VA Staff, ACOS/Education
(Title)

Note - If the appointee objects to the form of the oath on religious grounds, certain modifications may be permitted pursuant to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Please contact your agency's legal counsel for advice.

FINGERPRINT REQUEST FORM

Bring with you two (2) original IDs (Identity Source Documents) from the list below
https://www.oit.va.gov/programs/piv/_media/docs/IDMatrix.pdf
Complete all fields on this form to the best of your ability

Applicant Category: Check One

☐	**EMPLOYEE**	☐	**CONTRACTOR**	☑	**HEALTH PROFESSONS TRAINEE (VHA intern, resident, fellow, student)**
☐	**AFFILIATE**	☐	**VOLUNTEER**	☐	**OTHER:**

ENTER YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON IDs

Name: (Last, First, Middle)		Other Last Names Used
SSN (use of pseudo number is not permitted)	Position Title Health Professions Trainee	Telephone #
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	City/State and Country of Birth	
E-Mail Address (long-term, sustained E-Mail)	Country of Citizenship	Dual Citizen? (Yes/No)
VA Work Location Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System	POC/COTR/Sponsor/Supervisor Crystal Cruz-New Orleans, LA VA, GME Manager (sponsor)	POC Phone # 504-507-2000 ext:67518
Contractors Only: Company Name n/a	Company Address n/a	Contract End Date
Health Professions Trainees Only: School/Affiliate Name LSU	Training Program	Program End Date

FINGERPRINT LOCATION		FINGERPRINT DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)		PREVIOUS PIV CARD HOLDER (Yes/No)	
GENDER (M/F)	HEIGHT (inches) N/A	WEIGHT (US pounds) N/A	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	RACE/ETHNICITY

Courtesy Prints for another Facility

Facility Name/Location: New Orleans, LA VA	**Facility SOI#** VAC0	**Facility SON#** 1320

Personnel Security Specialist USE ONLY

Date	**Print/Sign**
Comments	