

**Department of Public Health Graduate Assistant**  
Mental Disorder Epidemiology Research Program

**General Information:**

The Mental Disorder Epidemiology (MDE) research program is focused on understanding the distributions, determinants, and consequences of mental disorders. Our program views mental illness as a chronic illness that can be addressed through prevention, intervention, treatment, and management. Striking disparities exist in prevalence, access, and use of mental health services, and health and wellbeing outcomes for those with mental illness. Results from our research can be used to inform policy and practice that will promote and support mental health and wellbeing. We have three primary areas of research:

- 1) Access and use of health and mental health services for people with mental disorders
- 2) Premature and excess mortality in people with mental disorders
- 3) Discrimination due to mental disorders in the workplace and healthcare settings as contributors to poor health and quality of life.

**Responsibilities:**

The GA will work with MDE investigators on research related to mental disorders. This includes literature search and literature review, data analysis, development of presentations and publications, and other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated knowledge, interest, and/or work experience in the area of mental illness / mental disorders / mental health
- Must be admitted to the NDSU graduate program in public health or related field
- Must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for duration of the appointment
- Strong oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills in the English language
- Proficient in computer skills and document preparation (e.g., Microsoft Office)
- Ability to work independently and carry out tasks to completion

**Terms of Employment:**

Appointment requires 20 hours per week. Appointment begins May 23, 2022 and ends May 19, 2023. Renewal each semester is dependent on satisfactory performance. Continuation after the first year is dependent on performance and availability of funds. This appointment can be on campus or online.

The assistantship comes with a base tuition waiver covering the graduate school portion of the tuition. The Public Health tuition is the responsibility of the student.

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