

POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

The Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice (CRIISP) is a VA Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence focusing on implementation research. CRIISP is a partnership between the Iowa City VA Medical Center, and the University of Iowa Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

CRIISP's mission is to conduct innovative research that advances understanding of strategies for incorporating knowledge into practice and eliminates gaps in quality.



"Our research will stimulate the adoption of evidence-based practices, and develop, test, and disseminate novel interventions to improve quality and costs in a variety of practice settings."

Gary Rosenthal, MD
Director, CRIISP

VISION

CRIISP's vision is to engage fellows as colleagues, to provide a nurturing environment for their growth as independent investigators, and to position them to conduct important research that advances the field of implementation science.



OPPORTUNITIES

CRIISP postdoctoral fellows are presented with a wealth of opportunities that nourish the development of their careers as independent investigators. Specifically, fellows are paired with experienced mentors in their particular research areas and work closely with those mentors to develop research projects. Fellows also have access to a broad array of advanced coursework in research methods through the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa. Instruction and experience in developing grant proposals comes from participating in an ongoing "works-in-progress" seminar that brings together fellows, junior investigators, and CRIISP Senior Scientists who are VA HSR&D and University of Iowa staff and faculty with expertise in:

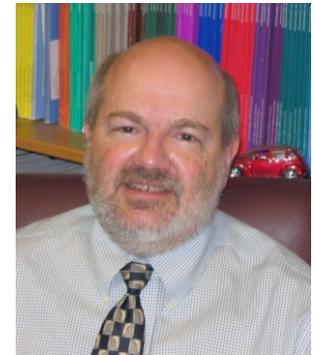
- behavioral health
- healthcare organization
- team dynamics
- qualitative methods
- health policy
- hierarchical statistical modeling
- health economics
- translation theory

RESEARCH

Research conducted by CRIISP investigators emphasizes conditions for which there is both evidence to achieve a national consensus regarding best practices and to clearly demonstrate gaps between evidence and practice. CRIISP has a particular focus in developing patient-centered interventions that incorporate strategies most likely to be effective in a particular patient, and that address conditions most important to the patient.

"CRIISP studies are driven by a conceptual framework for introducing innovation into environments with complex organizational and social structures, which explicitly recognizes the importance of patient involvement and activation in implementing new practices."

Fred Wolinsky, PhD
Associate Director, CRIISP



OVERVIEW

Two-year post-doctoral fellowship opportunities are available for nurses, psychologists, pharmacist, sociologists, epidemiologists, and other health services researchers for the 2006 academic year. The positions provide a competitive stipend and research support funds. Applicants should be US citizens who have recently completed their doctoral degree from an accredited program and internship, and be eligible for VA research employment.

LIVING IN IOWA

Iowa is the place where family values, exceptional work ethic, first-in-the-nation education, and peace of mind all come together.



View of downtown Iowa City in spring. Kevin Crawley, City of Iowa City.

The Iowa City/Coralville communities combine the ease of small town living with the cultural opportunities of a university environment. In addition to an array of museums, sports events, shops, and restaurants, Iowa City is host to regular art and music festivals, guest speakers from around the world, and local activities that celebrate Iowa's unique qualities.



View of Iowa River and Iowa Advanced Technologies Lab.

FUNDING

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AFFILIATIONS

CRIISP Investigators are affiliated with the University of Iowa Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Pharmacy, Business, and Liberal Arts and Sciences, including such centers as

- Center for Health Policy Research
- Center for Public Policy
- Health Effectiveness Research Center
- National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

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