

Houston Center for Quality of Care & Utilization Studies

Veterans Affairs Health Services Research & Development Center of Excellence and
Section of Health Services Research, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

Full Time Faculty Member for the position of Translation and Implementation Specialist.

Overview: The Houston Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies (HCQCUS) consists of the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Centers of Excellence (one of 13 nationwide), and the Baylor College of Medicine Section of Health Services Research. Over the last 12 years, HCQCUS has grown into a research powerhouse, continuing its mission of impacting health and health care by conducting and translating outstanding research and by developing influential leaders in health outcomes, quality, access, utilization, and costs. The Houston Center supports 32 independent investigators with expertise in statistics, measurement, psychology, epidemiology, medical ethics, health economics, and sociology who work together on multidisciplinary teams to ultimately improve the quality and efficiency of patient care

Job Description: The ultimate goal of this position is to translate research results into practice and facilitate the improvement of Healthcare for specific illnesses. The incumbent will visit clinics, hospitals, and other appropriate forums to interface with patients, physicians, and other healthcare providers. Collaborate with other researchers to assure research findings are disseminated to appropriate platforms. Responsibilities will include working with the Chronic Heart Failure VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative. This is a tenure-track, Faculty position at the Assistant Professor/Professor level. The position also involves some local travel as well as national travel (about 8 times per year).

Skills: The successful candidate will have an interest and background in healthcare organization or healthcare management and change implementation. Experience implementing programs for lifestyle and behavioral changes. Ability to employ a broad spectrum of knowledge in research and translation in healthcare is a necessity. Excellent written and oral communication skills, critical thinking skills, and leadership ability are imperative. Evidence of past research productivity and success in obtaining external grant funding is optimal, but not required. An interest in diverse populations, community/research collaboration, and health care utilization research is a must.

Additional Qualifications: Ph.D. in Nursing, Public Health, Healthcare Management, or Organizational Behavior. Interested applicants should e-mail or fax cover letter, CV, and 3 letters of reference to Tamara Lavin, Recruiter. E-mail: tlavin@bcm.tmc.edu Fax: 713-748-7359. Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies, VAMC (152) Research, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. EEO.