



2025-2026 CHOP Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Recruiting Nurse, Nutrition, and Social Work LEAH Fellows

The CHOP Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) fellowship program provides interdisciplinary leadership training in adolescent health for 5 core disciplines including medicine, nursing, nutrition, psychology, and social work with a focus on improving the health and well-being of adolescents and young adults (AYAs) ages 10-25. This pre- and post-doctoral training prepares health professionals for leadership roles in public health, clinical care, research, training, and/or advocacy with the goal of improving youth-centered, family-involved, community-based services, health equity for AYAs and enhancing the capacity of public health Title V programs to respond to current/emerging health needs of youth. LEAH fellows are expected to have clear long-term interests in careers supporting AYA health.

OVERVIEW.

- All LEAH fellows will receive a minimum of 50% of their total training experience as part of the program components directly under the control/supervision of LEAH training faculty.
- LEAH fellows will complete a minimum of 300 hours of LEAH leadership and didactic training, in addition to LEAH fieldwork and clinical training requirements.
- LEAH leadership and didactic training will include core courses, conferences, seminars, journal clubs and exposures to clinical and community environments serving AYA.
- LEAH Fellows must also successfully complete discipline-specific requirements for degree programs.

TIME. This is a 9-month fellowship that runs from September 1, 2025-May 31, 2026. General schedule expectations include being available for training experiences:

- Monday mornings 9am - noon.
- Monday evenings 5pm - 8:30 pm from late Jan 2026- April 2026.
- Thursdays from 9:30 am - 5:30pm the entire fellowship.
- One-day train trip to Harrisburg PA to meet state Title V leadership and staff.
- 1-3 day Rural AYA Health experience in Hershey PA (Travel, lodging, food costs covered)
- Participation in the one-day CHOP LEAH Regional AYA Health Conference Fall 2024.
- Participation in Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) annual national meeting held in March 2025, date and location to be determined (Registration, travel, lodging, food costs covered)

FUNDING. 0.50 FTE of 9-month stipend (Sept-May) for 1 masters or pre-doctoral trainee based on LEAH pre-doctoral base salary, estimated total of \$9,000 stipend per candidate

FOR APPLICATIONS & FURTHER INFORMATION:

General Information: Bea Chestnut, LEAH Program Manager: chestnut@chop.edu or call 267-426-3938.

Nursing Applicants – Application deadline is April 15th:

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Social Work Applicants – Application deadline is April 15th:

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