Purpose
Develop the next generation of leaders and scholars in health care improvement. Goals of this interdisciplinary fellowship are to develop physicians, doctoral-trained nurses, clinical psychologists, and pharmacists who will advance the scientific basis of health care improvement, use of simulation for education and health care improvement and to lead change nationally and internationally.

Fellows will be able to:
• Design and lead interdisciplinary efforts for quality improvement.
• Develop new knowledge for the ongoing improvement of the quality, safety, and value of health care services.
• Apply clinical, quality improvement, and implementation research methods.
• Design and conduct research or improvement projects and publish results in peer-reviewed literature.
• Teach health professionals about health care improvement and implementation science.
• Teach health professionals about the theory of education and health care improvement with simulation.
• Learn successful approaches for grant writing and funding.

Who Should Apply?
Health care professionals who have a desire to learn how to do, lead, and study health care improvement.

Program
The VAQS Fellowship Program was established in 1999 for physicians by the Veterans Health Administration, with the later addition of other health care disciplines. Mentoring is a critical component of this two-year program which links individualized training at each VA Medical Center (VAMC) to state-of-the-art curriculum developed by the Houston VA.

Curriculum Components
• Interactive video conferences (50/year)
• Participate in national meetings
• Fellow improvement projects
• Clinical and education activities tailored to fellow’s interests
• Learn about education and simulation theory for effective improvement projects
• Up to 25% clinical activities, as appropriate

Requirements
• Active, unrestricted license to practice
• U. S. citizenship or current appropriate visa (physicians)

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Participating Locations
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Birmingham VAMC & University of Alabama
Charleston VAMC & Medical University of South Carolina
Cleveland VAMC & Case Western Reserve University
Durham VAMC & Duke University
Greater Los Angeles VAMC & UCLA

Iowa City VAMC & University of Iowa
Minneapolis VAMC & University of Minnesota
Nashville VAMC & Vanderbilt University
San Francisco VAMC & UCSF
White River Junction VAMC & Dartmouth College