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## Applications Open: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program

[The Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training \(BHWET\) Program](#) is open to qualified applicants including accredited schools that offer master's or doctoral psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner programs. BHWET aims to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce who will serve populations across the lifespan, including those in rural and medically underserved areas. Applicants must emphasize field placements that include interdisciplinary training, strategies for including the family and community, and career development in behavioral health. **Application deadline is June 12, 2017.** To learn more, [click here](#).

## NINR Will Host Summit on the Science of Caregiving

The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and its partners will host a summit, [The Science of Caregiving: Bringing Voices Together](#) from August 7-8, 2017 on the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The summit will include perspectives from researchers, advocates, healthcare providers, and educators, among others interested in the science of caregiving. [Learn more and register](#) for this event.



Federal research agencies such as NINR rely on the federal appropriations process for funding. [Sign up](#) for AACN's "Nursing Science Transforms" Thunderclap campaign to urge Congress to protect funding for nursing scientists in Fiscal Year 2018. [Learn more](#) about the campaign on our website.

## Federal Hiring Freeze Lifted: Staffing Plans Still in Play

Last week, President Trump lifted the hiring freeze for federal employees. A [memo](#) issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) outlines the need for agencies to submit a plan for long-term workforce reductions, due in June 2017. The goal is to create a "lean, accountable, more efficient government" (p.1, ¶2). In the government-wide reform plan, OMB will be looking at impact areas of duplication, non-essential areas, cost, efficiency and effectiveness, as well as customer service. While some agencies have begun to hire, media has reported that the Department of Health and Human Services will keep in place the [Presidential Memorandum](#) that established the hiring freeze in late January 2017.



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