

**UAB Department of Medicine  
Division of Geriatrics, Gerontology, and Palliative Care**

*Post-Master Psych-Oncology Counseling Residency*

Psycho-Oncology Counseling Residency adopts the Co-Production Model to promote quality learning and clinical outcomes in the health care system and aims to develop competent mental health providers to meet the psychosocial care needs of the cancer patients, families, and caregivers.

Developed by Dr. Sylvia Huang, the 2-year residency curriculum is designed for post-master Associate Licensed Counselor (ALC) trainees to cultivate clinical competency in palliative psychology and psycho-oncology. Major and minor rotations with Hematology Oncology Specialty Unit (HOSU), Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Unit to facilitate early integration of palliative and supportive services with oncology care. Didactics, supervision, grand rounds, competency milestone evaluations, and professional development workshops. Residents will have an opportunity to participate in the Psychosocial Oncology Training Academy (POTA) and hone knowledge and skills in interprofessional education.

Weekly supervision and on-site parking during residency will be covered by the Residency Program. Residents will commit to 20-40 hours per week to provide direct patient and caregiver care. Quarterly competency evaluation be completed by site and ALC supervisors and ongoing feedback will be provided to improve resident's clinical competency. Upon the completion of the Psycho-Oncology Counseling Residency Training Program, residents will be expected to successfully pass the ABEC ALC annual evaluation and meet the 2000-3000 clinical hours required to sit on the License Professional Counselor (LPC) Exam.