Launched in the summer of 2009, the Horseshoe Farm Fellowship is a pioneering attempt to rethink the way we prepare promising future community-based leaders in healthcare, education, and non-profit management. Recent top college graduates accepted for the Fellowship commit thirteen months to the Hale County community. Fellows are challenged to learn about, and become deeply engaged in, the community as they develop, manage, lead, and serve in Project Horseshoe Farm programs. These include an Enhanced Independent Living Housing Program for women, Adult Day Programs, Youth Programs, and Health Partnerships. This hands-on experience is paired with weekly readings and guided discussions on a range of topics spanning community involvement and engagement, management and leadership of non-profit organizations, an introduction to systems of care, and healthcare law, ethics, economics, history, and policy. For more information, visit our website at https://www.projecthsf.org/ or email fellows@projecthsf.org.

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There are 4 tenets to the Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship at Project Horseshoe Farm: community-based healthcare, education, non-profit management, and leadership development. Based upon these principles, the fellowship offers unparalleled immersion through deep involvement in our main programs as described below.

**Adult Day Programs:** Our health, wellness, and activities programs engage the entire community including seniors and adults with mental illness and are combined with on-site clinical services and community support to produce a forward-thinking approach to community health for at risk individuals.

**Youth Programs:** Our pioneering K-12 after school tutoring and enrichment programs provide mentorship and academic support to help give at risk students the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

**Housing Programs:** Our two Enhanced Independent Living programs support independence, social and community engagement, and improved quality of life for women including those suffering from mental illness.

**Health Partners Program:** Our outreach support program involves a partnership with adults in our community who could benefit from home visits, transportation, a delivered home-cooked meal, help navigating healthcare or social services systems, or other support as needed.

At no other organization will recent college graduates have as much input into the management and operations of a health-based organization. Through community engagement, high level responsibility in a rapidly growing nonprofit, and mentorship & weekly discussions, we develop skills to become tomorrow’s leaders in community-based healthcare, education, and other service fields.