



DELAWARE VALLEY ACO
an accountable care organization

2017 Administrative Fellowship

About DVACO

DVACO is a limited liability joint venture corporation comprised primarily of two major health systems: Jefferson Health and Main Line Health, serving the Greater Philadelphia region and southern New Jersey. The Accountable Care Organization (ACO) was accepted into the Medicare Shared Savings Program for the 2014 start year, and now contains almost 700 primary care physicians serving over 113,000 Medicare Beneficiaries. DVACO also has contracts with three commercial payers, allowing the ACO to serve an additional 90,000 beneficiaries, and making DVACO the region's largest Accountable Care Organization. At the core of operations, DVACO is committed to working towards the achievement of the triple aim: improve patient's health, improve patient experiences, and smarter spending.

Role and Responsibilities

The DVACO Administrative Fellowship is a 1 year program designed for recent graduates of MHA, MBA, MPH, MS-POPH, or similar healthcare programs to build a foundation for a career in population health. The position emphasizes skills related to population health management, healthcare business planning, and leadership skills. Based on interests, the program may include rotations through various DVACO departments including Care Coordination, Practice Transformation, and Clinical Quality, and the opportunity to become acquainted with each of our member hospitals.

In addition to these rotations, the Fellow can tailor his/her experience through various projects related to topics such as quality oversight, data reporting, performance improvement, physician engagement, informatics, network development, and contract/payer relations. This design gives the Fellow the opportunity to build fundamental communication, analytic, and problem-solving skills as well as an understanding of the ACO environment and population health strategies. To complement on-the-job training, fellows are involved in Board and other Administrative meetings. Fellows report directly to Joel Port, COO.

Past projects have included:

- Analyze administrative costs on a PMPM basis and develop a proforma
- Support the development of a benchmarking system
- Assist Care Coordination in identifying high risk patients
- Research strategies on ACO development of a specialist network
- Manage the implementation of care coordination software among post-acute facilities
- Communicate on-site with practices about their performance in DVACO initiatives
- Support the design of an employee ACO Product
- Project manage IT implementation

Please contact Alex Geralnick, MPH and current fellow, with any questions.

Qualifications and Education Requirements

- Recent graduate of MHA/MPH/MBA/MS-POPH Accredited, or similar, degree program

Preferred Skills

- Analytical thinking
- Microsoft Office
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel
- Project Management
- Performance Improvement Knowledge

Application Materials

- Current Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation: at least one from a graduate professor and a current or past employer (these can be mailed directly to the e-mail address below)
- Personal Statement- 1-2 pages addressing your career goals and your view on the importance of population health management
- Official Graduate Transcript
- E-mail complete application to Alex Geralnick, GeralnickA@dvaco.org, with the subject line: DVACO 2017 Administrative Fellowship
 - Applications due September 19, 2016
 - Selection date October, 2016