Region IV Public Health Training Center
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***Pathways to Practice Scholar*s Field Placement Program**
Summer Scholar Position

AGENCY: Alabama Department of Public Health
POSITION TITLE: Alabama Community Health Improvement Plan (ACHIP) Intern
LOCATION: THE RSA TOWER, 201 MONROE STREET, SUITE 1010, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
AGENCY WEBSITE: www.adph.org
DESIRED START DATE: June 1, 2017

DESCRIPTION
The following position is offered as a field placement through the Region IV Public Health Training Center (http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc).

To promote, protect, and improve the health of individuals and communities in Alabama. The purpose of the Alabama Department of Public Health is to provide caring, high quality, and professional services for the improvement and protection of the public's health through disease prevention and the assurance of public services to resident and transient populations of the state regardless of social circumstances or the ability to pay. The Department of Public Health works closely with the community to preserve and protect the public's health and to provide caring, quality services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:
The Alabama Community Health Improvement Plan (ACHIP) focuses on three health care concerns: Access to Care, Physical Activity and Nutrition, and Mental Health and Substance Abuse. As part of the ACHIP and healthcare transformation, healthcare providers must work across specialties to address population health issues. This field placement will focus on integrating primary care and mental health using the issue of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) to build local integrated healthcare systems.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:
1) Identify specific health conditions and the prevalence in children birth to 17 in identified communities/counties.
2) Identify community assessments and surveys that can be used to baseline the knowledge and awareness of ACES in the local community.
3) Conduct community assessments and surveys. Analyze the results.
4) Develop marketing/communication plan utilizing assessment and survey results to help establish the need for primary care and behavioral healthcare providers to work together toward healthcare integration and better health outcomes.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:
1) Analytic/Assessment Skills
2) Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
3) Communication
4) Cultural Competency Skills
5) Community Dimensions of Practice
6) Leadership and Systems Thinking

HOUSING INFORMATION: If the candidate is selected, the agency can provide informational resources or contacts to search for summer rental housing.

TRAVEL: The student may travel locally for community work.

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

QUALIFICATIONS
Able to work with diverse populations. Understanding or experience in community work. Problem solving skills, organizational skills, and excellent communication and writing skills a must.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:
Candidates must be masters-level graduate public health students from accredited schools and programs of public health located in Region IV PHTC states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Students graduating before August 2017 are not eligible for this position.

Please submit an unofficial transcript and writing sample.

Your cover letter should include the agency name, position title, citizenship or visa status, and description of future work interests and goals.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident
Citizenship statement: The Region IV Public Health Training Center is a federally-funded program which has a citizenship requirement. To be eligible to apply for this position, you must be either a U.S. citizen, a non-citizen U.S. national, or a foreign national having in your possession a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S.

AWARD LEVEL: $1500 AWARD

* NOTE: STUDENT HOUSING AND TRAVEL COSTS WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE PROGRAM BEYOND THE TOTAL $1500 AWARD.

DURATION: June 1 – August 10, 2017

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: 25-30 hours per week during 10 weeks
**Students may be limited in the minimum or maximum number of hours they can work per semester based on their university, school or degree's policies. If this work will be also be used as a practicum experience, the student should verify those requirements. Students should abide by their university policies.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the *"Student Scholar Field Placement Guidebook"* for more details about the Pathways to Practice Scholars Program and requirements. It is located on the Field Placements page of the Region IV PHTC website: http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please submit all the required documents mentioned above to:
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* PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY