



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

AGENCY: West Central Alabama Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

LOCATION: 105 US 80 E, Suite 225, Demopolis, Alabama 36732

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.wcaahec.org

POSITION TITLE: West Central Alabama AHEC Intern

DESIRED START DATE: SUMMER 2018

DESCRIPTION:

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

The West Central Alabama Area Health Education Center's mission is to enhance access to quality health care, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals in underserved Alabama communities through community/academic educational partnerships.

Our services include providing continuing education and support for targeted health providers and influencing the training of health profession students/residents towards primary care through rotations in rural and underserved Alabama communities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The West Central Alabama AHEC provides services and activities that support health careers promotion, student and resident experiential education, community health awareness and professional continuing education within a 13-county service area. Most of the counties we serve are rural communities with large populations of minorities. Since 2013, we have implemented programs and activities to increase the number of students from the region who enter the health profession with the overarching goal that when they complete their education they would return to their communities or similar counties within Alabama. We are in the process of completing our first major program evaluation for our training programs to measure: effectiveness, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. We are seeking a student to assist with the program evaluation process.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- 1) Complete data entry of program evaluations.
- 2) Analyze and summarize results.
- 3) Assist with developing a program improvement action plan.
- 4) Prepare a written report of findings.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

- 1) Analytic/Assessment
- 2) Policy Development/Program Planning
- 3) Communication
- 4) Cultural Competency

HOUSING INFORMATION: If the candidate is selected, the agency can provide informational resources or contacts to search for low cost rental housing and/or provide \$400 towards housing cost.

TRAVEL: Travel may be required up to two times a week based on specific progress for data collection, community engagement, and program implementation.

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

QUALIFICATIONS: 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.

The ideal candidate for this internship should be able to work independently; have superior organizational, oral, and written skills; be familiar with Microsoft Office products and how to use them; have taken at least one course on program evaluation; and be detail oriented. Though not required, the ideal candidate would have the ability to communicate and relate to people of different backgrounds; have experience working with statistical software (i.e. SPSS, SAS, etc.); and be familiar with basic social science research methodology.

Students graduating before August 2018 are not eligible for this position.

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.

Your cover letter should include the agency name and citizenship or visa status.

AWARD LEVEL: \$1500 AWARD

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

DURATION: 8-12 weeks, through the end of the summer for repository and document review process.

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: Approximately 20-40 hours

**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 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>.

TO APPLY: Please submit the required documents including a resume and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status to:

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* PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY