



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

AGENCY: Gadsden County - Florida Department of Health

LOCATION: 278 DR. LASALLE LEFALLE DRIVE, QUINCY, FL, 32351

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.floridahealth.gov

DESIRED START DATE: JUNE 2016

DESCRIPTION:

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

Gadsden County - Florida Department of Health's Mission: To protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Florida's Healthy Babies is a state initiative aimed at reducing infant mortality and racial and ethnic disparities. Gadsden county as a recipient of this funding has been tasked to conduct enhanced data analysis on infant mortality (including an environmental scan of existing pertinent programs), host a community meeting(s) to highlight disparities in infant deaths and the role of social determinants of health, and to begin building an infrastructure to track outcomes and demonstrate collective impact. The student will be part of the team working on this effort.

In addition to the aforementioned project the student will assist with "Get Going Gadsden" initiatives aimed at encouraging healthy weight and physical activity in Gadsden County. The student will work collectively with health department staff to implement The CDC Worksite Health Scorecard in participating county organizations and to market the 5 2 1 0 initiative in Gadsden County schools.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

1. Organize a community meeting
2. Analyze infant mortality data
3. Develop communication strategy to effectively engage stakeholders in Gadsden County
4. Create a toolkit for community partners intersecting with vulnerable populations
5. Recruit and follow up with employers for the CDC Worksite Health Scorecard
6. Market the 5 2 1 0 initiative in Gadsden schools

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

- 1) Analytic/Assessment
- 2) Policy Development/Program Planning
- 3) Communication
- 4) Community Dimensions of Practice

HOUSING INFORMATION: If the candidate is selected, the agency can refer the student to resources/contacts to search for their own rental housing.

TRAVEL: The student may travel locally in the Gadsden County area.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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.

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

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-August 2016

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: 20 hours per week during 8-10 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 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