



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

**AGENCY:** Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC)

**LOCATION:** 1512 W 3RD AVENUE, ALBANY, GA 31707

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <http://sowega-ahec.org/>

**POSITION TITLE:** GA SOWEGA Intern

**DESIRED START DATE:** May 23, 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>).

The Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC) is a community-driven 501c3 not-for-profit whose goal is to improve access to healthcare by improving the number and distribution of healthcare providers in 38 counties in southwest Georgia. SOWEGA-AHEC's mission is accomplished through services that connect students to health careers, health professionals to communities, and communities to better health.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The summer intern will work primarily on two projects: Ellenton Farmworker Project & 2016 Pathway to Med School Program. The Ellenton Farmworker Project is an interdisciplinary two week program in which healthcare students (including nursing, nurse practitioner, physical therapy, and dental hygienist students) offer free health services to migrant farmworkers and their families. The Pathway to Med School Program is a four- week structured residential program to strengthen pre-med rural students as medical school applicants. During the program, students complete community-based research and clinical shadowing.

**THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN:**

**Ellenton Farmworker Project**

- 1) Attend planning meetings with Ellenton Clinic staff
- 2) Assist with coordination of the workflow during the project
- 3) Assist with preparation of patient files, donations, and supplies prior to the start of project
- 4) Compile State deliverable report for Colquitt County
- 5) Serve as photographer for SOWEGA-AHEC
- 6) Act as a SOWEGA-AHEC liaison during the project
- 7) Complete ½- 1 page personal reflection of project including lessons learned, project's areas of improvement, and professional impact of working with Ellenton Farmworker Project

**Pathway to Med School Program**

- 1) Serve as Pathway Research Coordinator, assisting with data collection and student deliverables
- 2) Update and revise 2014 Pathway to Med School Program Research Manual
- 3) Create research calendar and assignment schedule for 2016 Pathway program

- 4) Compile scientific articles on 2016 research topics for students' pre-reading
- 5) Revise data collection instruments as needed
- 6) Serve as photographer for SOWEGA-AHEC
- 7) Complete ½-1 page personal reflection including lessons learned, program's areas of improvement, and professional impact of working with Pathway program

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:**

- 1) Analytic/Assessment
- 2) Communication
- 3) Cultural Competency Skills
- 4) Community Dimensions of Practice
- 5) Leadership and Systems Thinking

**HOUSING INFORMATION:** If the candidate is selected, the agency has arranged free student housing.

**TRAVEL:** Student will travel to Moultrie, GA for at least two pre-planning meetings to meet with the staff of the Ellenton Migrant Clinic and during the two weeks of the Ellenton Farmworker Project.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

The ideal candidate for this internship should be a MPH student who is eager to take on new tasks and able to take ownership of projects and deliverables. Candidate should have excellent writing and analytical skills. Candidate should also be able to conduct tasks in a timely and efficient manner. Prior community/clinical research experience and clinical knowledge are preferred. MD/MPH Candidate would be ideal.

**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 2016 are not eligible for this position.

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

Interested candidates should provide an unofficial transcript.

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

**DURATION:** May, June, July, August 2016

Ellenton Migrant Project: 6/6-6/17

Pathway to Med School Program 7/06-8/3

**APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK:** 40 hours per week during 9 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