



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

AGENCY: Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center, Inc. (MC-AHEC)

POSITION TITLE: SC – MCAHEC Intern

WORK LOCATION:

LOVELACE FAMILY MEDICINE, PROSPERITY, SC

AGENCY WEBSITES:

www.midcarolinaahec.org

<http://www.lovelacefamilymedicine.com>

DESIRED START DATE: June 1, 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 Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center, Inc. (MC-AHEC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and one of four regional AHEC centers in South Carolina. As a member of SC AHEC, we are committed to the system's mission and goals, "to improve the quality and accessibility of health care of the communities of South Carolina through a system of community-academic partnerships whose central purpose is the recruitment, education and retention of primary health care providers."

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Through a collaboration with the MC-AHEC, the student will work with Lovelace Family Medicine within the primary care practice and community. (Dr. Oscar Lovelace has been selected as the 2015 *Family Physician of the Year* by the national American Academy of Family Physicians.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZBbCj2mSxY>

Project title: The effects of physician led weight management in primary care

The student will conduct research on the benefit of obtaining a body composition analysis for patients attending weight management classes verses those who attend class alone.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- 1) Attend weekly weight management class
- 2) Follow up with patients
- 3) Research benefits of body composition analysis
- 4) Collaborate with Weight Management Coordinator
- 5) Develop meaningful outline/research

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

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

HOUSING INFORMATION: If the candidate is selected, the agency will provide resources/contacts to search for rental housing. Based on availability, the agency will work to assist in identifying affordable housing.

TRAVEL: The MC AHEC is located approximately 70 miles from the student work location with Lovelace Family Medicine. Travel will be within Newberry County. Communication between the agency and student can be done via videoconferencing OR agency staff will travel to Newberry County to meet with the student.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate should have an interest in weight management and chronic disease prevention, as well as, in health systems organization and planning. Desirable attributes include a motivated, independent approach to learning.

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 and writing sample.

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: June, July, August 2016

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: 20-40 hours per week

**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