



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

AGENCY: Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)

POSITION TITLE: ADPH Intern

LOCATION: 201 Monroe Street Suite 1010 Montgomery, AL 36117

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.alabamapublichealth.gov

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1

DESIRED START DATES: Summer - May 2019

* Interested students should apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received. Submit to Michelle Carvalho at MLCARVA@emory.edu.

Note: To apply to more than one posting, submit separate applications specifying the position title in the subject line.

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 mission of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is to promote, protect and improve Alabama's health. The Alabama Department of Public Health's Central Office is organized into bureaus that focus on a number of health-related issues, including [disease prevention](#) and control, [emergency medical services](#), [emergency preparedness](#), environmental services, family health, health care access, [home and community health](#), [injury prevention](#), and regulation and licensure. The Department publishes over 90 health-related pamphlets available to Alabama residents. The topics range from injury prevention to environmental health, [nutrition](#) and [physical activity](#), tobacco prevention, emergency preparedness, [sexually transmitted diseases](#), [chronic disease](#), and [communicable diseases](#).

POSITION DESCRIPTION: How widespread is the relative/grandparent caregiver issue in rural Alabama? Currently, we don't know quantitatively how many grandparents are providing homes for children who cannot safely remain with their parents, often times due to opioid use disorder. This project will focus on two to three counties in rural Alabama to identify the extent of grandparent caregiving and the challenges associated with it. The intern will work with community members and existing stakeholder groups to identify the scope of relative/grandparent caregiving in Walker and two yet to be identified counties. The intern will also work with statewide entities focused on senior issues including but not limited to AARP, the Area Agency on Aging, and Senior Services.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

1. Identify existing data sources, relevant qualitative data and relevant quantitative data in each identified county addressing grandparent caregiving. (ex: Food banks and who they serve, faith based organizations, sheriff offices, etc.)
2. Use information technology in accessing, collecting, analyzing and disseminating information
3. Solicit input from community stakeholders on the scope of the grandparent care issue in each county and the demographic makeup of the relative care providers.
4. Identify social/environmental factors contributing to grandparent care. (ex. Opioid use disorder, lack of housing, lack of jobs)
5. Develop a report highlighting the grandparent care issue and identify policies, resources or best practices to better support grandparent caregivers.

The student will be given a workspace (i.e. desk, computer) and building access (i.e. badge) for the duration of the internship.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

- 1) Policy Development/Engagement
- 2) Program Planning
- 3) Analytic/Assessment
- 4) Public Health Science
- 5) Communication
- 6) Community Dimensions of Practice
- 7) Cultural Competency
- 8) Leadership and Systems Thinking

TRAVEL: Student may travel to schedule meetings and work in identified communities at least one day per week.

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Candidates must be masters or doctoral level 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 in August 2019 can still apply, but must complete the program prior to graduation. [Past recipients of the Pathways to Practice Award are not eligible to apply again.](#)

Your cover letter should include the title of the position you are applying to and citizenship or permanent resident visa status. In your resume, include the name of your degree program, department, year of study (e.g. 1st year MPH student), and expected graduation date. Please send an unofficial transcript. Please include a writing sample when you apply.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident

Citizenship statement: The Region IV Public Health Training Center is a federally funded program that 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: \$3500 award

* Note: Travel costs will not be covered by the program beyond the total \$3500 award.

DURATION: Approximately 10-12 weeks; May-August 2019

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: Approximately 20 hours (200-400 total 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 be also be used as a graduation requirement, the student should verify those requirements and 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 following specifications above (unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to:

Michelle Carvalho, MPH, MCHES® - Program Manager

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* PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY