



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

AGENCY: Tennessee Department of Health

POSITION TITLE: Office of Health Policy Intern

LOCATION: 710 James Robertson Parkway, 5th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.tn.gov/health

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 Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

The Commissioner of the Department of Health is appointed by the Governor, and oversees an enterprise focusing on population health across the state. TDH programming focuses on health across the lifespan and includes emergency preparedness, children and youth with special healthcare needs, minority health, faith based and community initiatives, family health and wellness, primary prevention, environmental epidemiology, lab services, collaboration with local and regional health departments, newborn screenings, vital records, WIC, the Tennessee Tobacco Program, and much more.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student will be providing support to TDH staff and County Health Councils who will be completing their first County Health Assessments (CHAs) as part of a 16 county pilot in 2019. The CHAs will be run through by the County Health Councils, which are groups of local stakeholders from sectors such as the health, education, business, recreation, and government. The CHA process may include a review of Tennessee's Vital Signs, data collection and analysis, identifications of assets and up to three needs for each county. After identifying these needs, health councils will choose intervention strategies (Vital Sign Actions) to address issues identified through the CHA process.

THE STUDENT WILL ASSIST IN:

- 1) Communication with local and regional health staff, and county health council representatives.
- 2) Supporting and improving capacity within local county health councils as they go through the CHA process.
- 3) Presenting data, facilitating additional primary and secondary data collection, and analyzing data in collaboration with local health councils.
- 4) Working with county health councils to identify and select funding opportunities, messaging campaigns, public health interventions, or policy changes which help to address issues identified in the CHA process.

The student will be given a work space (i.e. desk, computer) 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) Leadership and Systems Thinking
- 8) Cultural Competency
- 9) Change Management

TRAVEL: There will be opportunity for traveling in this position.

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Candidates must be masters-level graduate public health or social work students or undergraduate public health students (juniors/seniors) 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.](#)

Students should be enthusiastic about evidence-based practices, data collection and analysis, and community health. Student should be prepared to lead by listening, while engaging many different sorts of individuals from many different backgrounds and many different communities. Flexibility, organizational skill, and a personable disposition will be important attributes for successful applicants.

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 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: \$3500 award

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

DURATION: Approximately 12 weeks

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: Approximately 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 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