



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Converge: Partners in Access

**POSITION TITLE:** Converge: Partners in Access Intern

**LOCATION:** 2906 North State Street, Suite 320, Jackson, MS 39216

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** [www.convergeaccess.org](http://www.convergeaccess.org)

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1

**DESIRED START DATES:** SUMMER – June 8, 2020

\* 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](mailto: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>).

Our vision is that all people have access to quality, affordable family planning care. Converge collaborates with health care providers, insurance companies, and community partners to build a health care system that places people at the center of family planning care. Converge is a systems-level organization and works closely with the state's public health agency, conducting rigorous analysis and quality improvement activities related to the provision of family planning care.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Converge will be conducting a statewide needs assessment for family planning services for the MS State Department of Health. We will be working with Dr. Kari White, the MS Public Health Institute, and local community-based partners on this needs assessment. Most of the needs assessment work will be completed in the spring and summer, with the final report submitted by October 2020.

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

1. Develop a community survey, re: access to family planning health care, in collaboration with our community partners
2. Develop and analyze results of a clinic-level survey, re: family planning services available.
3. Organize statewide community listening sessions to share results from needs assessment.
4. Synthesize existing research on need/availability of family planning services.

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

1. Analytic/Assessment
2. Public Health Science
3. Communication
4. Cultural Competency
5. Leadership and Systems Thinking

**HOUSING INFORMATION:** Resources/contacts to search for their own rental housing.

**TRAVEL:** Student's work will involve travel in the local area and beyond. Student will attend 3 statewide listening sessions travelling with supervisors Danielle and Jamie.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:**

Preference may be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. However, social work and sociology graduate students are also eligible to apply. Students graduating in August 2020 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.](#)

The ideal candidate for this internship should:

- 1) Have familiarity with needs assessment.
- 2) Have excellent writing and analytical skills.
- 3) Have prior experience with family planning and reproductive health.
- 4) Be an excellent communicator, both written and oral.

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. 1<sup>st</sup> year MPH student), and expected graduation date. Please also send a 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:** \$3500 award

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

**DURATION:** Approximately 8-12 weeks starting June 8

**APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK:** Approximately 20-40 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 (writing sample, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to:

Michelle Carvalho, MPH, MCHES® | Email: [MLCARVA@emory.edu](mailto:MLCARVA@emory.edu)

When e-mailing your application, please use subject line "**Applicant: MS\_Converge: Partners in Access**".

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY