



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: West Central Alabama Area Health Education Center (WCAAHEC)

POSITION TITLE: COVID-19 Response Intern

LOCATION: 105 US Highway 80 East Suite 225, Demopolis, AL 36732

AGENCY WEBSITE: <http://wcaahec.org/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 Fall 2020

DESIRED START DATES: FALL – AUG 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.

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>).

NOTE: The position duties will be conducted remotely with the possibility of hybrid in-person work late summer/fall, as safety allows.

Our West Central Alabama Area Health Education Center (WCAAHEC) mission is to enhance access to quality health care, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals in underserved Alabama communities through community/academic educational partnerships.

Our services include providing continuing education and support for targeted health providers, influence the training of health profession students/residents towards primary care through rotations in rural and underserved Alabama communities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The West Central Alabama AHEC provides services and activities that support health careers promotion, student and resident experiential education and community health awareness within a 13-county service area. Most of the counties we serve are rural communities with large populations of minorities. Since 2013, we have implemented programs and activities to increase the number of students from the region who enter health profession with the overarching goal that when they complete their education they would return to their communities or similar counties within Alabama. We are in the process of securing agreements to address COVID-19 and other community needs. We are seeking someone who will work with community residents and leaders to address various COVID-19 concerns including testing and contact tracing. AHEC will be working with the Sawyerville Project, an outreach of the AL Episcopal Church.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

1. Develop an action plan to assist WCAAHEC staff and community leaders with COVID-19 response
2. Work with WCAAHEC staff and community to facilitate COVID-19 testing through community education and engagement

3. Work with task force to develop a database to track participants and identify missing sections of the community

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

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

- 1) Program Planning
- 2) Public Health Science
- 3) Cultural Competency
- 4) Communication
- 5) Problem Solving

TRAVEL: Only once safety allows, students may travel to 13 counties in the Black Belt Region to complete data collection, community engagement, and program implementation.

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Candidates must be graduate public health students. Students 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 a writing sample as well.

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.

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK & DURATION: Approximately 20 hours per week. Duration depends on student availability and university requirements.

**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, writing sample, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to:

Michelle Carvalho, MPH, MCHES® | Email: MLCARVA@emory.edu

When e-mailing your application, please use subject line “**Applicant: AL_WCAAHEC.**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY