



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LEARNING NETWORK

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

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Department of Health – The Office of Primary Prevention

**POSITION TITLE:** Policies, Systems and Environmental Changes (PSE) Intern

**LOCATIONS:** 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

**AGENCY WEBSITE:** <https://www.tn.gov/primaryprevention>

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 2 (1 for Summer 2020 and 1 for Fall 2020)

**DESIRED START DATES:** SUMMER 2020 – ASAP; FALL 2020 – AUG 2020

**NOTE:** The position duties will be conducted remotely.

\* 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. Please be specific in your email *and* cover letter if you are interested in applying for **“Summer 2020, Fall 2020, or Either Semester.”**

**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 Office of Primary Prevention helps Tennessee communities build a culture of health through livable and nurturing places and spaces so that everyone can reach their full potential.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Health outcomes are largely driven by the policies, systems and environmental changes (PSE) that shape the environments in which we live and the choices we are able to make in those environments. In order to empower public health professionals to support PSE, they must understand the types of decision-making authorities in communities and the PSE-related decisions they make. This project entails combining content from several trainings and creating a training for public health professionals to help them understand boards such as planning commissions, zoning boards, school boards, parks and recreation boards and city councils. The goal of the training is to describe the oversight authority of these bodies, the types of PSE they oversee, and how public health professionals can participate in these processes as an official member of a board or as a member of the public.

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

1. Review similar training/materials created by Change Lab solutions, the Nashville Civic Design Center and the TN department of Health
2. Map a training curriculum
3. Populate the curricula with existing and new content
4. Develop facilitator modules to deliver the curriculum

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) Policy Development/Engagement
- 2) Program Planning
- 3) Communication
- 4) Cultural Competency

- 5) Change Management
- 6) Leadership and Systems Thinking
- 7) Problem Solving

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

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:** Graduate Public Health students are preferred, however graduate Sociology, Social Work, and Psychology students may also apply. Public health candidates must be 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 must complete the program prior to graduation. [Past recipients of the Pathways to Practice Award are not eligible to apply again.](#)

Required qualification/skills for this position include:

Ability to sort through various policy-related training materials to pick out the best elements to populate into developing training and creating new content where applicable.

Your cover letter should include the semesters you are applying for (SU20, FA20, or either), 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 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 a week for 10 weeks. Project must be completed by December 2020.

*\*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.r4phtc.org/field-placements/>.

**TO APPLY:** Please submit the required documents following specifications above (unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name, desired semester, and citizenship/visa status) to Michelle Carvalho at [MLCARVA@emory.edu](mailto:MLCARVA@emory.edu) with the subject line "**Summer 2020 Applicant: TN - Tennessee Department of Health**" or "**Fall 2020 Applicant: TN- Tennessee Department of Health**" or "**Either Semester Applicant: TN- Tennessee Department of Health**".

\* PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY