



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Florida Department of Health-Martin County

POSITION TITLE: Florida Department of Health Martin County Intern

LOCATION: 3441 SE Willoughby Blvd, Stuart 34994

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://martin.floridahealth.gov/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2023)

DESIRED START DATES: May 2023

* Interested students should apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received. Submit to Elizabeth Kidwell at elkidwell@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.

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: Though 100% in person is ideal, a hybrid position may be considered.

The mission of the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida. The Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) works to achieve this mission by providing a range of programs and services to residents and visitors to this rural Florida county. The services include Environmental Health, Communicable Disease and Epidemiology, Public Health Preparedness, Community Health Promotion, Clinical Services, Vital Statistics and Woman Infant and Children (WIC) services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student will collaborate with local government, non-governmental organizations, and community organizations, including the faith-based community, to conduct a formative assessment that will be used to develop an intervention for chronic disease prevention and management that is culturally, linguistically appropriate, and interactive.

The purpose of the intervention is to address the prevalence of chronic diseases among the Black and Hispanic populations in underserved and medically underserved communities in Martin County. The purpose of this project aligns with the mission of the department to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida.

This intervention will assist in meeting the following Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) objective to: (1) reduce the rate of hospitalizations from or with coronary heart disease among Black Martin County residents by 50 per 100,000 population, and (2) reduce the rate of hospitalizations from or with diabetes among Black and Hispanic Martin County residents by 100 per 100,000 population.

Additionally, the intervention will help to meet DOH-Martin strategic goal to achieve Healthy, Thriving Lives for the residents of Martin County. Previous research also indicates that chronic disease self-

management trainings for patients and providers can be an effective tool for improving health outcomes for chronic diseases, such as diabetes and congestive heart failure.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Skills in planning and development of health education and health promotion programs for diverse populations

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Skills and ability to plan, organize, implement, and evaluate public health education and health promotion programs for diverse populations

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

1. Develop formative assessment including a theory-based assessment tool (e.g., Health Belief Model)
2. Lead the implementation of the assessment (e.g., survey, focus group, key informant interviews, community asset mapping.)
3. Analyze data
4. Use data to develop a best practice or promising practice approach to chronic disease prevention and management for the target population

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Cross-sector Partnerships
4. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
5. Problem Solving
6. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
7. Public Health Science
8. Effective Communication
9. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: Yes *(The student will be required to travel to underserved and medically underserved communities in Martin County primarily for data collection. The frequency will depend on data collection strategies and availability of the participants. The student will be provided with a county car and fuel for travel to complete assignments.)*

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Preference will be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. Will consider undergraduate public health students (juniors/seniors), Sociology (graduate), Psychology (graduate); Social Work (graduate); Sociology (graduate); Part-time students (graduate). 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 semesters you are applying for (Summer 2023), 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 also send a copy of your unofficial transcript.

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: \$3,500 award

* Note: Travel costs will not be covered by the program beyond the total \$3,500 award.

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK & DURATION: Approximately 20-40 hours a week for 8-12 weeks.

**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: <https://r4phtc.org/field-placements/>

TO APPLY: Please submit the required documents following specifications above (references, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line "**Summer 2023 Applicant: FL-DOH Martin County**"

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY