



## 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-Manatee County

**POSITION TITLE:** Florida Department of Health Manatee County Intern

**LOCATION:** 410 Sixth Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34208

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://manatee.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](mailto: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>).

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 Manatee County (DOH-Manatee) is an organizational unit within the Florida Department of Health (DOH), the state public health agency, dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of all residents and visitors in the state. Established by the Florida Legislature in 1996, DOH traces its roots to the creation of the Florida State Board of Health in 1889. It is comprised of a state health office (central office) in Tallahassee, with statewide responsibilities; 67 county health departments; three public health laboratories; Children's Medical Services area offices Medical Quality Assurance regional offices; and Disability Determinations regional offices. DOH-Manatee is the county health department responsible for providing public health services within Manatee County, Florida. Services are provided in partnership with, and partial funding provided by Manatee County Government.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Manatee County has a higher rate of repeat teen Hispanic pregnancy (18.6%) than the State of Florida (11.3%) as well as a higher rate of repeat pregnancy among Hispanic teens than non-Hispanic teens. As of January 20, 2023, the Florida Department of Health completed a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Project (LSS GB) on decreasing the rate of repeat pregnancy among Hispanic teens. This internal LSS BG Project Team (Arriba Team) identified a root cause as lack of case management component after post-partum visits. During the field placement experience, the student will collaborate with and support the Arriba Team to develop and implement an in-house Family Planning Case Management Protocol after post-partum visits.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Ability to build partnerships, and well-versed in data analysis.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bilingual in English/Spanish or Haitian Creole, and basic knowledge of women's reproductive health.

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

1. Assemble and convene a community group to develop a family planning case management protocol.
2. Develop community surveys and focus groups.
3. Analyze the results from the community surveys and focus groups.
4. Gather research of family planning components and monitoring systems.
5. Work with the Arriba Team to produce a final in-house family planning case management protocol.

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

1. Community Partnership/Engagement
2. Problem Solving
3. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
4. Public Health Science
5. Effective Communication

**TRAVEL:** Yes (*Community Events; Partnership Meetings; Workshops. At least four times per month. Will be able to use County Vehicle upon getting on the approved drivers' list*)

**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 level public health graduate 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 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. 1<sup>st</sup> year MPH student), and expected graduation date. Please also send a writing sample, a copy of your unofficial transcript, and an example of a report based on data analysis with recommendations.

**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](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line “**Summer 2023 Applicant: FL-DOH Manatee County**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY