



## 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-St. Lucie County

**POSITION TITLE:** Florida Department of Health St Lucie County Intern

**LOCATION:** 5150 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://stlucie.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 Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie) provides public health services for St. Lucie County residents and visitors including dental services, clinical and nutrition services, wellness programs, community health planning, environmental health, emergency preparedness and response, and infectious disease services. In addition to our direct services, we partner with many community organizations and local agencies on public health initiatives promoting a healthy life for our residents.

The DOH-St. Lucie HIV/AIDS Program has developed a comprehensive program for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and for providing care and treatment to those already infected. This comprehensive approach includes HIV surveillance, education, prevention, counseling, testing, care, and treatment. DOH-St. Lucie is also the Lead Agency for HIV/AIDS Programs for Area 15 (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties).

The vision of the Florida Department of Health is to be the Healthiest State in the Nation. The mission is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The student will work on a project focused on community engagement and outreach. The student will work side by side with HIV Prevention staff and the Minority AIDS Coordinator to staff, plan, and evaluate HIV/STD educational and testing events. The student will have the opportunity to work with DOH-St. Lucie's community partners (businesses, faith-based organizations, non-profit organizations) to engage priority populations. The student will also participate in the Area 15 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Planning Network general body meeting and committee meetings associated with their project

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Student is required to pass FDOH new hire/volunteer screening

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bilingual in Spanish or Haitian Creole
- Skills in written and verbal communications
- Skills in working with a diverse population

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

1. Participate in community engagement or outreach event(s) with HIV Prevention staff or the Minority AIDS Coordinator
2. Review local outreach procedures and participate in Outreach Workgroup
3. Assist identified Program staff in planning an outreach event, including recruiting community organizations to partner with for event activities
4. Participate as a co-lead in planned event including completing an after-action review

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

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Community Partnership/Engagement
4. Cross-sector Partnerships
5. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
6. Problem Solving
7. Effective Communication
8. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
9. Change Management

**TRAVEL:** Yes (*The Area 15 HIV/AIDS Programs work in four Florida Counties. The student will have access to state/county vehicles to travel to trainings, meetings, or field work during their assignment. The student will not transport clients.*)

**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 Sociology (graduate), Psychology (graduate); Social Work (graduate); Sociology (graduate); Part-time students (graduate), and undergraduate 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 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.**

**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 (resume, cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status, and writing sample) to Elizabeth Kidwell, [elkidwell@emory.edu](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line “**Summer 2023 Applicant: FL-DOH St Lucie County**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY