



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: The Mississippi Public Health Institute
POSITION TITLE: Mississippi Public Health Institute Intern
LOCATION: 5 Olympic Way, Suite A, Madison, MS 39110
AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://msphi.org>
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: *This is a hybrid position in which the student will work in person as well as remote. Specific details will be provided in the interview process.*

Mississippi Public Health Institute (MSPHI) fosters partnerships that bolster and advance program innovation and health equity while increasing the accessibility and impact of health resources, education, health awareness, and applied research and policy. The mission of the MSPHI is to engage in partnerships and activities that improve Mississippians' health. At its core, MSPHI works across four domains: Community Health, Maternal Child Health, Chronic Disease and Public and Behavioral Health Practice. Across the domains we conduct formative and evaluative research, program implementation, capacity building, workforce development and training, community needs assessment, and coalition building.

Since the establishment of the organization in 2011, MSPHI has worked extensively with organizations to promote health and well-being throughout the state. Collaborative work includes agencies like the Mississippi State Department of Health, The Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Federally Qualified Health Care Centers, and other community-based organizations.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student will be working with the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Team at MSPHI. There are various MCH programs that the student will be exposed to and have the opportunity to learn more about each. For the purposes of this project, the student will be working with the Program Manager for the Mississippi Perinatal Quality Collaborative (MSPQC) and the MCH Program Director. The MSPQC is a multi-stakeholder network of clinical, community and public health partners, dedicated to improving maternal and infant outcomes in Mississippi through the dissemination of evidence-based practices.

The internship experience is a vital component in the overall training of students in Public Health Programs. This internship is designed to Provide the student with practical experiences in Public Health under appropriate supervision by competent personnel.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Basic understanding of the 10 Essential Public Health Services
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Ability to analyze facts, exercise sound judgment, and to arrive at sound conclusions
- Ability to use modern office methods, techniques and equipment; and computer skills
- Ability to work alone to complete tasks
- Great communication skills

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable of data collection and analysis
- Analytical and assessment skills

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

- Project mapping and logic model development
- Fact find and develop stories around current environmental, past historical and social determinant needs
- Project assessments with feedback for program improvement.
- Develop end of meeting surveys
- Summarize focus groups discussion
- Prepare and present end of project presentation
- Additional duties as assigned by supervisor

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Community Partnership/Engagement
2. Cross-sector Partnerships
3. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
4. Problem Solving
5. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
6. Public Health Science
7. Effective Communication
8. Change Management

TRAVEL: No

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. Part time public health graduate students will also be considered. 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 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 with the subject line “**Summer 2023 Applicant: MSPHI**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY