



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Catawba County Public Health

POSITION TITLE: Catawba County Public Health Intern

LOCATION: 3070 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28602

AGENCY WEBSITE: <https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/public-health/>

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>).

Mission: To promote, protect, and improve the health of the community by assessing and responding to needs, assuring services, developing policies, and fostering collaboration.

Vision: Leading the way to a healthier community

Values: Collaboration, People, Respect, Innovation, Trust and Excellence

The goal of Catawba County Public Health is to promote, protect, and improve the health of the community by assessing and responding to needs, assuring services, developing policies, and fostering collaboration. Catawba County Public Health believes in improving the overall health of the community through implementing our Mission, Vision and Values in our everyday practice. Catawba County Public Health provides health and education services to a diverse array of individuals, families and organizations in our community. We are a service-driven organization committed to fostering partnerships that lead to the promotion, protection and improvement of health in Catawba County and surrounding communities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Catawba County Public Health is recruiting a student intern to join the Health Promotion and Strategy team. This position will be focused on supporting the facilitation and development of the 2023 Catawba County Community Health Assessment in collaboration with LiveWell Catawba, a local community health coalition backed by Catawba County Public Health that engages multi-sector partners in advancing our community health priorities (i.e. schools, businesses, healthcare, non-profit organizations, local government). This position will also support organizational efforts related to program area evaluation and strengthening organizational capacity to advance equity.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience working as part of a team
- Comfortable working in a diversity of community-based settings
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing equity and learning about public health practice and systems
- Basic understanding of quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis, and reporting.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong written and verbal communication skills, especially for a community-based audience.
- Experience collecting, analyzing, and reporting quantitative and qualitative data.
- Experience in community-engaged public health practice

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

- Support and facilitate community listening sessions and data walks to inform the 2023 Community Health Assessment.
- Assist with quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis, including community surveys, expert interviews, and focus groups.
- Develop materials focused on building clear community understanding of and engagement in the 2023 Community Health Assessment, including data visualizations, presentations, and written reports.
- Support the facilitation of LiveWell Catawba, our local community health coalition that is backboned by Catawba County Public Health and works to convene partners around the 2023 Community Health Assessment.
- Assist with quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis, and reporting related to program area needs and goals (i.e. departmental outcomes, quality improvement, state agreement measures, and evaluation).
- Support the agency's Advancing Equity activities, including research on emerging practices and opportunities for workforce development.

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. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
5. Effective Communication
6. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: *Yes (Frequent local travel with staff for community engagement opportunities and partner meetings. Limited regional travel with staff for training or regional public health meetings.)*

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Preference will be given to master's 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 (Spring 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 and a brief statement addressing the following questions:**

- **Why are you interested in gaining local public health experience?**
- **What are you most hoping to learn or engage in?**
- **What do you see as some of the greatest challenges and opportunities in public health today?**

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 10-15 hours a week for 20 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 (transcript, statement, 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: NC-Catawba County"**

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY