



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: Polk County Health and Human Services Agency

POSITION TITLE: Polk County Health and Human Services Agency Intern

LOCATION: 161 Walker St., Columbus, NC 28722

AGENCY WEBSITE: www.polknc.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: Remote or hybrid work may be considered.

The Polk County Health and Human Services Agency strives to make Polk County a safer and healthier place to live, work, learn, and play. The mission of the Polk County Health and Human Services Agency is to embrace all members of the community by recognizing and respecting the diversity of beliefs and perspectives and by removing barriers to treating one another with compassion and acceptance.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student will be working with underserved populations in Polk County, North Carolina to address health disparities through a variety of means. This could include conducting assessments to identify areas of need, implementing health promotion and disease prevention programs, collaborating with local organizations to increase access to resources and advocating for programs that improve health outcomes for underserved populations. The intern will be involved in both outreach and engagement efforts, as well as data collection and analysis, to better understand the health needs of the communities they serve and track the impact of their interventions. Ultimately, the goal of the project is to reduce health disparities and promote health equity for all members of the community.

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

- Assist with Community Health Assessments
- Assist with the implementation of health promotion programs
- Collaborate with organizations to increase access to care
- Outreach and advocacy

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning

3. Budgeting and Financial Management
4. Community Partnership/Engagement
5. Cross-sector Partnerships
6. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
7. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
8. Effective Communication
9. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
10. Change Management

TRAVEL: Yes (*student will travel with staff meetings with other organizations.*)

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. Will consider undergraduate public health students (juniors/seniors), Psychology (graduate); Social Work (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 and 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 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, writing sample, 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-Polk County**"

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY