



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Mobile County Health Department

POSITION TITLE: Mobile County Health Department Intern

LOCATION: 251 North Bayou Street Mobile, AL 36603

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://mchd.org/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2023)

DESIRED START DATE: 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 (<https://r4phtc.org/>)

NOTE: Hybrid work may be considered.

The Mobile County Health Department is here to provide a healthy, safe, prepared and educated community. The mission of the Mobile County Health Department is to promote, improve and protect the overall health of Mobile County.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: In August 2021, the Mobile County Health Department was selected to receive funding for a grant to increase the number of Community Health Workers in the area as a response to the COVID 19 pandemic. One component of the grant is to foster sustainability efforts through the work of a newly formed Community Health Worker Coalition to further address health disparities noted during the pandemic that affects communities in Mobile County.

The student will have the opportunity to work with the agency and partners to strengthen the coalition efforts and increase ways in which community health workers can assimilate into clinical care settings to help navigate patients and empower community members to education and services that can ultimately address and reduce health disparities.

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

1. Research methods of sustainability for the program
2. Work with the agency and partners to
 - a. Strengthen the coalition efforts
 - b. Help community health workers assimilate into clinical care settings
 - c. Help navigate patients and empower community members to education and services that can ultimately address and reduce health disparities.

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 (The student will be required to travel throughout clinic sites and communities throughout Mobile County).

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 undergraduate public health students (juniors/seniors), Psychology (graduate); Sociology (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 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 15-20 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 (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: AL-Mobile County**"

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY