



Region IV Public Health Training Center

Region IV Public Health Training Center Pathways to Practice Scholar Field Placement Program Florida – Fall Scholar Position

AGENCY: Florida Department of Health-Martin County

POSITION TITLE: Florida Department of Health Martin County Intern

LOCATION: 3441 SE Willoughby Blvd, Stuart, FL 34994

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://martin.floridahealth.gov/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Fall 2023)

DESIRED START DATES: September 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: Though 100% in person is ideal, a hybrid position may be considered.

The mission of the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida. The Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) works to achieve this mission by providing a range of programs and services to residents and visitors to this rural Florida county. The services include Environmental Health, Communicable Disease and Epidemiology, Public Health Preparedness, Community Health Promotion, Clinical Services, Vital Statistics and Woman Infant and Children (WIC) services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student will collaborate with local government, non-governmental organizations, and community organizations, including the faith-based community, collect data to identify social determinants of health that may be associated with high prevalence of overweight and obesity as well as other health disparities among Martin County residents. Data collection methods will include in-person and web-based surveys.

The purpose of the project is to address social determinants of health data gaps for identified priority populations in Martin County and is a joint effort between DOH-Martin and the Health Council of Southeast Florida. The student will also work closely with the team to analyze the data and prepare the findings for dissemination to community partners.

The project aligns with the mission of the department to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida.

The findings of this project will assist DOH-Martin to develop and implement targeted programs and services to address the unique needs of all people in Martin County, thereby achieving DOH-Martin strategic goal to achieve Healthy, Thriving Lives for the residents of Martin County. Previous research also indicates that health promotion programs yield better outcomes when tailored to meet the needs of the target population.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Skills in planning and development of health education and health promotion programs for diverse populations

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Skills and ability to develop, organize, implement, and evaluate public health education and health promotion programs for diverse populations

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

1. Assist the team with data collection
2. Assist the team with data analysis
3. Use the finding to guide research and development of an evidence-based or promising practice initiative

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Cross-sector Partnerships
4. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
5. Problem Solving
6. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
7. Public Health Science
8. Effective Communication
9. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: *Yes (The student will be required to travel to underserved and medically underserved communities in Martin County primarily for data collection. The frequency will depend on data collection strategies and availability of the participants. The student will be provided with a county car and fuel for travel to complete assignments.)*

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), Sociology (graduate), Psychology (graduate); Social Work (graduate); Sociology (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.](#)

- Please include a cover letter with the following:
 - The semesters you are applying for (Fall 2023)
 - The title of the position you are applying to
 - Citizenship or permanent resident visa status
- Please include a resume with the following:
 - The name and department of your degree program
 - Year of study
 - Expected graduation date
- Please also include the following with your application:
 - A copy of your unofficial transcript

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 10-20 hours a week for 10 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 (**unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter** indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Fall 2023 Applicant: FL-DOH Martin County**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY