



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Florida Department of Health-Northwest Law Office

POSITION TITLE: Florida Department of Health Northwest Law Office Intern

LOCATION: Escambia County Health Department, 1295 West Fairfield Drive, Pensacola, FL 32501

AGENCY WEBSITES: www.escambiahealth.com www.floridahealth.gov

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Spring 2024)

DESIRED START DATES: January 2024

* 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 Florida Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for the health and safety of all citizens and visitors to the state. As a public health agency, DOH must monitor the health status of Floridians, diagnose, and investigate health problems, and mobilize local communities to address health-related issues. The Florida Department of Health develops policies and plans that support health goals, enforce laws and regulations that protect the health of all residents and visitors, and link people to needed health care services. The agency mission is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The project aims to address the development of training modules focused on effective communication, leadership, and negotiation skills for public health professionals. Additionally, it seeks to enhance the delivery of legal services within our agency through improved client communication, sharing of best practices, and technological advancements. The purpose of this project is twofold. First, it aims to equip public health professionals with essential skills by developing evidence-based training. Second, it aims to enhance the delivery of legal services within our agency by implementing strategies that align with our mission of promoting, protecting, and improving the health of individuals in Florida.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in public health law and leadership
- Public speaking ability
- Creativity
- Excellent analytical and research skills
- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders

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

1. Training module research, development, and pilot testing as to public health professional communication, negotiation, and leadership skills through use of improv/drama or other interactive techniques.
2. Client communication and feedback system research and development, to improve legal service delivery.
3. Enhanced information gathering and client training through well-researched and distilled checklists, FAQs, etc. and effective/efficient training modules.
4. Establish a collaborative platform for sharing of best practices and engagement in discussions across our several service regions in the state.
5. Legal Compliance assessment and policy development/ recommendations.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic
4. Problem Solving
5. Effective Communication
6. Change Management

TRAVEL: *Yes (optional travel to other county health departments to experience and provide trainings)*

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) and 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
 - 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 hours a week for 10-20 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 (**unofficial 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 “**Spring 2024 Applicant: FL-DOH NW Law Office**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY