



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: South Carolina Alliance of YMCAs

POSITION TITLE: SC Alliance of YMCAs Intern

LOCATION: 151 S. Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730

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 (<https://r4phtc.org/>).

NOTE: Though 100% in person is ideal, remote work may be considered.

The South Carolina Alliance of YMCAs is a coalition of independent YMCA associations leveraging a collective influence and expertise to strengthen the foundations of South Carolina communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y has positioned itself as one of the leading community-based networks committed to improving the nation's health. The vast network of Ys allows for the delivery of programs nationwide that promote health and wellness with a lens of cultural relevancy and improvement for all. The Ys footprint also impacts individuals and families through interventions that address social needs and to impact organizations, communities, and society through upstream policy interventions that address social determinants of health. By intervening at all levels, the Y is a vital organization to help promote health equity in communities. With 20 Associations and 68 Ys serving 317,797 South Carolinians in 40 counties, South Carolina YMCAs are here to support everyone.

The SC Alliance of YMCAs is composed of an Executive Director, Association Services Director, and a Community Health Director. The Community Health Director is focused on statewide dissemination of YMCA Evidence Based Health Interventions focused on improving health outcomes and quality of life. A key component of this role is fostering relationships with key stakeholders in the Public Health Sector, reducing Physician Burnout, and achieving Insurance Reimbursement for Program Services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student will work with the SC Alliance of YMCAs to learn and understand how YMCA's across the nation are positioned to collaborate with Healthcare Systems to improve the health of the Nation. The main focus is to demonstrate the impact that Evidence Based Health Interventions have on Rural and Urban Communities by emphasizing the effectiveness of partnerships with Healthcare Systems, Governmental Agencies (such as the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control), and Health Coalitions. The student will also help the Community Health Director demonstrate this impact by analyzing processes, healthcare partners, and de-identified program participant data.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Basic understanding of Microsoft 365 and Excel
- Ability to utilize Zoom/Microsoft Teams for regular communication with Supervisor
- Basic understanding of Community Integrated Health and Social Determinants of Health

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Skills in Project Management
- Skills in Data Analysis for improving Health Outcomes
- Understanding how to utilize Social Determinants of Health Screening Tool
- Strong written and spoken communication skills

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

1. Learn about YMCA of the USA Evidence Based Health Interventions and the Community Integrated Health (CIH) Model and current grant projects with SC DHEC and SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare to better understand how the YMCA plays an integral role in Public Health.
2. Assist with engaging and managing Cross-Sector Partnerships in South Carolina to improve Clinical and Health Outcomes in SC. An emphasis on implementing/fine-tuning effective referral processes and bi-directional communication through electronic enrollments will be prioritized.
3. Create Public Health Impact Report to be shared with Key Stakeholders and SC YMCA Leaders.
4. Analyze SC YMCAs Grant Work Plans, Program Data, Partnerships to formulate Public Health Impact Report to be shared with Key Stakeholders and SC YMCAs Leadership
5. Coordinate with the Community Health Director to plan, organize, and deliver the SC YMCAs Community Health Employee Conference to be held in December 2023 in Columbia, SC. The student will be provided the chance to present on a Public Health Topic at this event.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Community Partnership/Engagement
4. Cross-sector Partnerships
5. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
6. Problem Solving
7. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
8. Public Health Science

9. Effective Communication
10. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
11. Change Management

TRAVEL: Yes (*the student may have the opportunity to attend meetings throughout the placement*)

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 also consider undergraduate public health students (juniors and 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 (Spring 2024)
 - 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 with the following:
 - Explain how health programs make an impact on individuals, families, and systems
 - Provide goals of what you are hoping to learn from this experience.

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 16 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: SC-YMCA**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY