



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Florida Department of Health-Charlotte County

POSITION TITLE: Florida Department of Health Charlotte County Intern

LOCATION: 1100 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

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

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2024)

DESIRED START DATES: May 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, a hybrid option may be available.

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 Charlotte County (DOH-Charlotte) works to achieve this mission by providing a range of programs and services to residents and visitors. The services include clinical, dental and nutrition services, wellness programs, community health planning and statistics, environmental health, emergency preparedness, and infectious disease services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student may be involved with one or more of the following projects, based on need:

- **Veteran/Youth Mentorship Program & Household Stability:** Projects to address mental health, food access, and health disparities.
- **Community Health Worker Program:** A new start up program to address fall prevention strategies for Charlotte County seniors. This program will look at strategies such as food access, healthcare access, physical and nutritional needs, and social and economic needs in which impact a person's overall health. The program will look to interventions and community referrals that can be implemented in order to prevent falls and keep residents safe in their home.
- **New Hire Orientation Training Series Project:** Projects to create training videos/material for department new employees. The training series would encompass all aspects of DOH and give employees an overview of public health. The project is meant to give new employees a solid foundation and create a stronger, more effective workforce.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Effective communication skills
- Ability to create health promotion and public health educational materials for a target audience
- Ability to collect and analyze data
- Ability to plan, organize and coordinate work assignments
- Public speaking and presentation skills
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others
- Ability to understand and apply applicable rules, regulations, policies and procedures
- Interpersonal skills: Shows understanding, friendliness, courtesy, tact, empathy, cooperation, concern, and politeness to others; relates well to different people from varied backgrounds and different situations.
- Basic technology skills
- Effective time management and ability to prioritize

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

1. Gather and organize training material
2. Create training videos
3. Post and assist in presenting training series
4. Assist program lead in creating written plan and timeline for Community Health Worker Program
5. Participate in community outreach
6. Provide community education
7. Participate in community/partner meetings, as needed

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Cross-sector Partnerships
4. Problem Solving
5. Effective Communication
6. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: Yes *(The student will travel within Charlotte County to attend meetings and activities.)*

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

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.

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); 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

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 10-20 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 (**resume, and cover letter** indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Summer 2024 Applicant: FL-DOH Charlotte County**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY