



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Strategic Initiatives

**POSITION TITLE:** Tennessee Department of Health Intern

**LOCATION:** 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep.html>

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1 (Fall 2024)

**DESIRED START DATES:** September 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](mailto: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: This placement has the option to be remote or conducted on a hybrid basis.*

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all people in Tennessee. The purpose of the Office of Strategic Initiatives is to bridge TDH resources with local knowledge, priorities, & leadership. We achieve this in 3 ways: strategic planning, community collaboration & impact and special projects. The student will work with the team who provides support to Tennessee's County Health Councils for their Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan through technical assistance, resource development, training, and collaboration.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The student will be involved in the county health improvement process, including the county health assessment (CHA) and the community health improvement plan (CHIP). The aim for this process is to increase the impact of health councils by providing a framework for councils to conduct a locally led needs assessment and action planning process. The CHA guides health council members through data collection to determine up to three priorities for the council to address through cross-sector collaboration and community-driven action plans. County health councils lead this five-phase process, with administrative and facilitative support from their respective county health departments. In addition, regional health departments and the office of strategic initiatives provide support through technical assistance, resource sharing and shared-learning opportunities.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Background in public health or health policy

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

- Support and Assist in the development of resources for County Health Councils to write their CHIP narrative.
- Assist in analyzing current action plan program activities and provide advice on how to better utilize resources and promote equity.

**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. Effective Communication
9. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**TRAVEL:** *Yes (The student will travel to 1-2 local health council meetings during the field placement)*

**POSITION TYPE:** Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placement

**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 also consider graduate Psychology, Sociology and Social work students as well as part-time public health 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 2024)
  - The title of the position you are applying to
  - Citizenship or permanent resident visa status
  - Your work style (how you approach tasks/projects, etc.)
- 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 15-35 hours a week for 12-16 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 (**resume, and cover letter** indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to Elizabeth Kidwell, [elkidwell@emory.edu](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line “**Fall 2024 Applicant: TN- TDH OSI**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY