



## 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, Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening Program (TBCSP)

**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 will be 100% remote except for a few optional in person meetings.*

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is the primary agency of state government in Tennessee responsible for public health. Its workforce provides a variety of direct and indirect services to residents and visitors in all 95 counties of the state. The TDH Mission is: Protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all people in Tennessee. Its divisions include: Family Health and Wellness, Environmental Epidemiology, Faith-Based and Community Engagement, HIV & STDs, Maternal Health Innovation, etc.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this project is to collect and analyze survey data from vendors (i.e. service providers) of the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening Program (TBCSP) and the Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for WOMen Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) program. The objective is to identify gaps in service delivery and provide recommendations for addressing those gaps to support the creation of a GIS vendor map. Through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the TBCSP helps low-income, uninsured women gain access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. State of Tennessee funding allows TBCSP to also provide diagnostic services for men. Through the CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, WISEWOMAN is an integration of heart health programming that extends preventive health services to support women who participate in NBCCEDP. WISEWOMAN empowers participants to understand and reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease and benefit from early detection and treatment.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledge of GIS mapping
- Knowledge of planning community health programs

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Data analytical skills (quantitative)
- Time-management skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Excellent research writing and communication skills

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

- Research other states' BCS/WISEWOMAN program maps and Needs Assessments
- Design and administer a survey to assess the capacity and resources of TBCSP/WISEWOMAN vendors
- Analyze survey data to identify gaps in TBCSP/WISEWOMAN vendor service delivery
- Provide evidence-based recommendations for addressing those gaps
- Present findings and recommendations to TBCSP/WISEWOMAN teams

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:**

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

**TRAVEL:** No

**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 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
- 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:
  - Writing sample

**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 15-20 hours a week for 10-15 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 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 (**writing sample, 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 TBCSP**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY