



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Georgia Alcohol Policy Alliance  
**POSITION TITLE:** Georgia Alcohol Policy Alliance Intern  
**LOCATION:** 120 N. Fayette Drive Fayetteville, GA 30214  
**AGENCY WEBSITES:** [www.GaAlcoholPolicy.org](http://www.GaAlcoholPolicy.org)  
**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1 (Spring 2025)  
**DESIRED START DATES:** January 2025

\* 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 but there will be opportunities for students to work in person for events and meetings throughout the semester.*

Georgia Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA) is a registered nonprofit inspired by the need to save lives and reduce the harms associated with excessive alcohol drinking, by translating public health research and best practices to effective alcohol policy. This alliance launched in early 2021, with the primary goal of reducing alcohol-related consumption and harms in Georgia from a statewide, public health perspective. This is accomplished by tracking new alcohol-related bills in Georgia, researching trends and best practices in other states, understanding Georgia alcohol law, building the policy capacity of GAPA members, and promoting positive policy to the Georgia General Assembly and public health advocates.

Alcohol policy affects ALL, but science tells us that the alcohol harms impact communities of color and lower income communities at a disproportionate rate. Our goal over the next two years is to (a) change the Blood Alcohol Content measure for alcohol impairment from .08 to .05, by state law, (b) require retailers to post about alcohol's causation of cancer (similar to how they are currently required to post about alcohol's impact on pregnancy), (c) build statewide collaboration around alcohol policy, and (d) increase citizen awareness of the harms of excessive alcohol consumption.

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The position will require the tracking of alcohol-related legislation, conducting policy analysis, preparing action alerts, and other duties related to the regulation of alcohol sales in Georgia. The student will work on the following during the field placement experience:

- Data gathering / analysis: on alcohol related harms: traffic deaths, workplace productivity, healthcare costs, youth use, addiction, etc.
- Policy Analysis: best practices in addressing alcohol-related harms. Research and report on strategies implemented in other states and countries, and recommended by authoritative policy organizations. Initially, the primary focus will be on .05 BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) to determine alcohol impairment, home delivery compliance, and alcoholic's connection to cancer.
- Issue Brief / Policy Brief development (graphic design skills required): updates of our 2-page Issue Brief (attached), and creation of 1-page Policy briefs on specific issues.
- Communications: newsletters (would like to launch Zeffy), social media (currently X at @GaAlcoholPolicy), website updates ([www.GaAlcoholPolicy.org](http://www.GaAlcoholPolicy.org))
- Training: Training on alcohol, policy, messaging and alliance-building issues will be both available and encouraged.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Software skills (newsletter, graphic design, Google Drive, and light website development if possible)
- Social media experience for an organization
- Oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently with collaboration/accountability

## **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Video editing skills
- Policy analysis skills

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

1. Communications
2. Data gathering and analysis
3. Issue Brief creation (requiring graphic design skills)
4. Policy Analysis

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

1. Community Partnership/Engagement
2. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
3. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
4. Effective Communication

**TRAVEL:** Yes *(Students will have opportunities to meet legislators and community stakeholders and join in person meetings, when possible.)*

**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. [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 2025)
  - 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

**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 20-30 hours a week for 10-12 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/>

## HOW 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 “**Spring 2025 Applicant: GA Alcohol Policy Alliance**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY