



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Bladen County Health Department

**POSITION TITLE:** Bladen County Health Department Intern

**LOCATION:** 300 Mercer Mill Road, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, 28337

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** [bladennc.govoffice3.com](http://bladennc.govoffice3.com)

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1 (Spring 2025)

**DESIRED START DATES:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 position is 100% in person.*

Bladen County Health Department provides a variety of services from birth to senior. The Health Department has a Children's Health Clinic, which provides health screenings such as wellness checks and immunizations for school to adolescent's birth-20, a Family planning Clinic, which provides a wide range of services to women to childbearing age, and an Immunization Clinic, which provides immunizations against communicable diseases and tuberculosis. Special Programs and Services offered at the health department include Lead Screening (offered for children under 6 years of age), a Sickle Cell Anemia Program, a maternity Clinic that provides quality prenatal care, counseling, and education to expectant women of Bladen County. The Health Department offers a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinic which includes screening, treatment, risk assessment, counseling and education, a Tuberculosis Clinic (TB) which provides screening, treatment, education and follow up for all. The WIC Program provides pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, and infants and children to age 5 with nutritional education and supplemental foods to assist with their health care needs during the critical time of growth and development. The Health Education/Promotion provides and offers education material classes and seminars on health-related issues, promotes Bladen County Department's effort in improving the overall health of Bladen County residents.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The student will be helping conduct community outreach with the health department. They will be participating in outreach on different health topics, health fairs, and education sessions. They will work with Health Educators on various projects throughout the field placement experience.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Great communication skills
- Willingness to learn new tasks and be able to assist when needed on various projects and community outreach

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

- Building a wellness program that would get the county employees more involved with wellness activities.
- Participating in outreach events in community including health fairs and education sessions.

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

1. Community Partnership /Engagement
2. Cross-sector Partnerships
3. Problem Solving
4. Data Analytics/ Assessment/Data- based Decision Making
5. Public Health Science
6. Effective Communication
7. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
8. Change Management

**TRAVEL:** *Yes (The student will have the opportunity to travel with supervisor or other health educators during 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. Undergraduate public health students as well as graduate students studying social work may also be considered. [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:
  - Unofficial Transcript

**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:** 20-40 hours per week for 8 to 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 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 (**unofficial transcript, 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: NC Bladen County Health Department**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY