



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: Chatham County Health Department

POSITION TITLE: Chatham County Health Department Intern

LOCATION: 80 East St., Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/public-health>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Spring 2025)

DESIRED START DATES: January 13st, 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

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 can be remote or hybrid and work with students schedules. Preferably, the student should work in person one day a week.

The Chatham County Public Health Department's mission is, "Building a healthy Chatham County through community partnerships and a commitment to equity." We serve the Chatham County community through our clinical, community, and environmental health services and health promotion programming. A complete list of programs can be found on our webpage.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position will work closely with health department staff to communicate health information and deliver health education to Chatham County residents. Specifically, this position will be responsible for promoting tobacco and vaping prevention/cessation initiatives, substance use prevention initiatives, mental health initiatives, and sexual and reproductive health initiatives through social media, as well as educational programming.

Please note: Student will need to provide their own laptop and will be subject to a driving record and criminal background check. A valid NC driver's license is required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Adaptable
- Dependable
- Positive Attitude

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Proficiency in speaking and writing in Spanish

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

- Design health education content and related presentations upon request.
- Under supervision of the Communications Specialist, manage the department youth social media account to promote health education not limited to, but inclusive of tobacco and vaping prevention/cessation, substance use prevention, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health topics.
- Create easy-to understand copy and graphics for social media using a content calendar.
- Capture photos and videos of Chatham County Public Health Department staff and clients for social media.
- Assist health department health education staff with delivering educational presentations on health topics to community members and stakeholders upon request.
- Participation in community coalitions and partnership meetings upon request.
- Occasional attendance and assistance with community events upon request.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Community Partnership /Engagement
2. Cross-sector Partnerships
3. Public Health Science
4. Effective Communication
5. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: *Yes (with advance notice, the student may need to travel to different areas of the county for meetings and community outreach events.)*

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 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
 - 2 writing samples (health related topics preferred)

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 10 to 20 hours a week and 16 to 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 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, unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Spring 2025 Applicant: NC Chatham County Health Department**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY