



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Kentucky River District Health Department
POSITION TITLE: Kentucky River District Health Department Intern
LOCATION: 441 Gorman Hollow Road Hazard, Kentucky
AGENCY WEBSITE: <https://krdhd.org/>
NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Fall 2025)
DESIRED START DATES: September 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 will be 100% in person at the agency site.

The Kentucky River District Health Department Mission: Promoting Health, Improving Lives.

Vision: Empowering the residents of Eastern Kentucky to make healthier choices for themselves and their communities.

The Kentucky River District Health Department (KRDHD) serves 7 counties in Eastern Kentucky- Lee, Letcher, Leslie, Knott, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe. The Health Department provides services such as:

- Preventive Services: Immunizations, health screenings, and wellness programs to help you stay healthy.
- HANDS: Help promote healthy pregnancies and births; healthy child growth and development; healthy, safe homes; and self-sufficient families.
- Home Health: Providing quality in-home health care allowing people to remain at home.
- Community Outreach: Educational campaigns and events to raise awareness about important health topics.
- Emergency Preparedness: Information and resources to help you prepare for and respond to health emergencies.
- Environmental Health: Efforts to ensure clean air, water, and safe living conditions for all residents.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Kentucky River District Health Department (KRDHD) is working toward public health accreditation. The student, alongside their supervisor, will have the opportunity to work with various committees to ensure compliance with accreditation standards and measures. The student will help to review standards, current practices and work with committees to establish recommendations for leadership team on steps needed to work toward needed changes or updates.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Organizational/Time Management Skills
- Effective communication skills
- Computer skills- Microsoft/Excel
- Drivers license/transportation

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Prior work experience
- Adaptability
- Leadership skills

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

- Review accreditation standards and policies for alliance.
- Talk with staff and committees about how task are carried out in programs.
- Assist in scheduling and leading committee meetings for review of standards and compliance.
- Help committees to design plans for implementing needed changes.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Community Partnership /Engagement
3. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
4. Problem Solving
5. Effective Communication
6. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
7. Change Management

TRAVEL: Yes (The student will have the opportunity to travel to the 7 counties that KRDHD serves.)

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. Graduate Social Work 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 (Fall 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: 15-30 hours a week for 15-20 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 (**unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Fall 2025 Applicant: KRDHD**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY