



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Chatham County Health Department

POSITION TITLE: Chatham County Health Department Intern

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

AGENCY WEBSITE: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/publichealth>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Fall 2025)

DESIRED START DATES: August 18, 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 supports the Chatham County Public Health Department's efforts to inform and engage the community through accessible, equity-driven health education and communication. Working closely with health education and communications staff, the position helps develop and deliver public health messages across a range of topics, including community engagement, tobacco and vaping prevention/cessation initiatives, substance use initiatives, mental health initiatives, and sexual and reproductive health initiatives. These efforts will play a key role in supporting the mission and goals of the Chatham County Public Health Department, creating a more informed community.

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
- Interest in community health.
- Experience using and posting on social media platforms, such as Instagram and YouTube.
- Understanding of social determinants of health, health disparities and importance of equity in public health.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to prepare concise, easy to read content.
- Ability to take initiative, manage time and work independently.
- Willingness to contribute to a team environment

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

- Design and deliver health education content, surveys and related presentations upon request.
- Contribute to the design and development of health education content and presentations for community outreach.
- Aid in crafting newsletters, resource guides, social media posts and other methods of disseminating health information.
- Develop health education and health communication content for both social media and the web.
- Capture photos and videos of Chatham County Public Health Department staff and clients for social media.
- Support health department health staff in delivering educational presentations on health topics to community members and stakeholders upon request.
- Help with planning, promotion, and staffing of community outreach events, focus groups and public meetings.
- Assist with public health program support activities such as assembling educational or prevention kits, conducting background research on health topics, and contributing to program evaluation efforts.

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 (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 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 (**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: NC Chatham CHD**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY