



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Carteret County Public Health Department

POSITION TITLE: Carteret County Public Health Department Intern

LOCATION: 3820 Bridges Street Suite A Morehead City, NC 28557

AGENCY WEBSITE: <https://www.carteretcountync.gov/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2024)

DESIRED START DATES: May 2024

* 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: Though 100% in person is ideal, a hybrid option may be available.

The mission of the Carteret County Health Department, through our responsive and professional staff, is to preserve, promote and protect the health of our community by preventing disease, protecting the environment, and promoting healthy living. Carteret County Health Department provides a variety of preventive health care services, screenings, immunizations, environmental health services, animal control services, and health education/information. Health Department services are grouped into the following overarching categories: Administration/Community Health, Animal Control, Substance Use Prevention, Case Management and Clinical Services, Dental, Environmental Health Services, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

POSITION DESCRIPTION: During the field placement experience with the Carteret County Health Department, the student will contribute to the development of a health equity team. Through this process, the student will assist with developing strategies to improve health equity for marginalized communities within Carteret County. The student will also have the opportunity to assist with the Carteret County Health Assessment. The student will also work with the health education team to help identify new community partners and develop new strategies to help improve outcomes for the Minority Diabetes Prevention Program throughout the county.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Proficient in using Microsoft Word and Excel
- Comfortable with public speaking and group presentations

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Considerable knowledge of public health practice and principles
- Knowledge of HIPAA and confidentiality laws
- General knowledge of current social and economic problems relating to public health, including health disparities
- Ability to deal tactfully with others and to exercise good judgment
- Ability to work in partnership with others and to maintain effective working relationships
- Ability to solve problems within scope of responsibility
- High level administrative and organizational strengths
- Self-starter, independent worker, ability to overcome obstacles independently

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

- Develop strategies to improve health equity within marginalized communities
- Develop strategies to improve outcomes for the Minority Diabetes Prevention Program work throughout Carteret County

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Community Partnership/Engagement
4. Cross-sector Partnerships
5. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
6. Problem Solving
7. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
8. Public Health Science
9. Effective Communication
10. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: Yes (*The student will have the opportunity to travel with the health education division to 1-2 conferences or trainings that are outside of the county.*)

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 sociology, psychology, or 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 (Summer 2024)
 - 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: Approximately 20 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 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/>

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 “**Summer 2024 Applicant: Carteret County Health Department**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY