



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: South Carolina Department of Health

POSITION TITLE: South Carolina Department of Health Intern

LOCATION: 2100 Bull Street Columbia SC 29201

AGENCY WEBSITES: www.dhec.sc.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: A hybrid option may be available for this placement.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is charged with promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment in South Carolina. With more than 3,400 employees working in approximately 100 locations across the state, DHEC instills a people-first approach to all that we do. This includes working with our partners, communities, and others to help every South Carolinian have the access, resources, and information they need to improve the environment in which they live, make decisions that enhance their health, and have access to the highest quality healthcare. This work is implemented by our talented and dedicated team of employees who serve within DHEC's four core divisions:

- Environmental Affairs protects, promotes, and preserves and the environment so that South Carolinians have clean air, land and water; and enhanced coastal resources.
- Healthcare Quality enhances patient safety and the quality of care by leading efforts to make health care in South Carolina safer, more accessible, affordable, equitable and of higher quality.
- Public Health promotes community health and well-being by protecting people from disease, illness and injury, as well as providing access to quality care.
- Support Services provides our agency's program areas and teams with the necessary support to ensure the successful accomplishment of our mission and vision.

Vision: Healthy people living in healthy communities

Mission: To improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment.

Core Values:

- Embracing Service: We embrace our responsibility to reliably serve our communities, customers, and each other in a respectful manner, relying upon clear and uncompromised commitments to integrity, trust, dependability, and responsiveness.
- Inspiring Innovation: We encourage and empower our teams to find creative, science- and data-driven solutions to promote and protect the health of the public and the environment.
- Promoting Teamwork: We cultivate inclusive and collaborative teams that value the diverse thoughts, experiences, and expertise of every team member, our stakeholders, and our communities.
- Pursuing Excellence: We are steadfast in our commitment to the highest achievable standards of quality and professionalism.
- Advancing Equity: We are committed to giving all South Carolinians the opportunity to attain optimal environmental and health outcomes by fostering a culture of fairness, equity, and inclusion for everyone.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student intern will be assisting with the expansion of testing efforts in the state. DHEC currently has HIV testing home testing kits and wants to expand the home testing to include Hep C, and other STI's. The intern will assist with expanding HIV/Hep C testing to pharmacies and free clinics around the state. The intern will also have the opportunity to work with the Viral hepatitis committee to update the state elimination plan and various activities in the workplan.

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

- Gather data to update the SC Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan.
- Assist with the development of an expanded home testing program.
- Collaborate with pharmacies around the state for HIV/Hep C testing initiatives.
- Collaborate with free clinics around the state to offer opt out testing.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Problem Solving
4. Effective Communication

TRAVEL: No

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

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.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Preference will be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. Will also consider undergraduate public health students (juniors/seniors) and part-time students (graduate). Students must complete the program prior to graduation. [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

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 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 be 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 (**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: SC-DHEC Testing Program**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY