



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Converge Partners in Access

POSITION TITLE: Converge Intern

LOCATION: 715 South Pear Orchard Drive, Suite 402 Ridgeland, MS

AGENCY WEBSITES: convergems.org

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: The internship will be 100% remote except for three in-person meetings.

Converge was founded on a shared vision that all Mississippians could access quality, affordable, sexual and reproductive health services. Converge is a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring all people in our state have access to high-quality reproductive services when needed, how they need it, and where they live. Converge collaborates with health care providers, insurance companies, and community partners to build a health care system that places people at the center of family planning care.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student will primarily focus on Converge's telehealth initiative. The telehealth initiative is one of Converge's main projects that aims to make reproductive healthcare more accessible for Mississippians. The student will interact with many parts of the Telehealth initiative during this internship period. Staff will provide one-on-one support to the intern to help provide a learning environment that centers the intern's needs and special interests. The student will primarily be supervised by staff in the External Affairs Department at Converge and will have access to all Converge's Departments, including Clinical Services, Measurement Learning and Evaluation, and Finance/Clinical Services.

The field placement will be virtual, except for three in-person meetings. The intern will travel to three events/meetings throughout the field placement experience.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Effective communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong writing skills
- Ability to multitask
- Student must also be punctual and flexible

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

- Participate in the telehealth initiative (promoting the telehealth services/reproductive health kits, participating in team meetings, organizing/assisting with creating content for social media accounts, and other tasks as assigned.
- Collect sexual and reproductive health data from clinics across Mississippi to assist with the data collection for clinic finder.
- Assist the Community Engagement Manager with community engagement activities and events.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
4. Problem Solving
5. Effective Communication

TRAVEL: Yes *(The student will only be required to travel locally when they are in town for the three in-person meetings. Most tasks/duties can be completed remotely.)*

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. Will also consider undergraduate public health students (juniors and seniors). 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

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 40 hours a week for 8 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: MS-Converge**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY