



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Homeland Heart Birth & Wellness Collective

**POSITION TITLE:** Homeland Heart Intern

**LOCATION:** 708 4th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37219

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** [www.homelandheart.com](http://www.homelandheart.com)

**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](mailto: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 placement will be 100% in person at the address listed above. The agency has resources for free housing for interested students.*

Homeland Heart provides birth and postpartum doula support to Black families in Middle TN. We work with partner universities and agencies to conduct research that will facilitate the elimination of maternal health disparities. Our mission is to improve Black maternal health outcomes by increasing access to culturally competent care provided by community based perinatal care providers.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The student intern would be working on the Tennessee Doula Pilot Project. The student would have the opportunity to assist with data collection and effective communication to ensure a closed referral loop for clients. Clients are to be communicated with at specific intervals to ensure proper care has been provided in a timely manner. Reports will be due monthly to validate efficacy of 'doula intervention.' The objective of this pilot is to inform state policies that will need to be considered regarding the future of Medicaid reimbursement for doulas.

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

- Community partnership/engagement
- Data analytics/assessment
- Systems thinking
- Program planning

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:**

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Community Partnership/Engagement
4. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
5. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making

**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 25 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](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line **“Summer 2024 Applicant: TN- Homeland Heart”**

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY