



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Florida Department of Health-Walton County

**POSITION TITLE:** Florida Department of Health Walton County Intern

**LOCATION:** 362 State Highway 83 DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://walton.floridahealth.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](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: Though 100% in person is ideal, a remote or hybrid option may be available.*

The Florida Department of Health Walton County (DOH-Walton) and the Walton Community Health Center, Inc. (WCHC) provide public health and medical services in Walton County. Employees work to serve needs in areas that range from controlling infectious diseases to safe drinking water to disaster preparedness. DOH-Walton works closely with the County Commissioners, the Emergency Response Division, and other local and federal agencies to protect the health and welfare of Walton County residents and visitors. Many of these other agencies participate in the Walton Community Health Improvement Partnership (WHCIP), a dedicated group of people from a variety of agencies, organizations, businesses, and community members. The mission of the Florida Department of Health is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts and the vision is to be the healthiest state in the nation.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The student will work on projects related to the Regional Housing Summit between Okaloosa and Walton Counties scheduled for May 13th. They will assist with post-Summit action items including, but not limited to, report generation, action planning, evaluations, and other actionable initiatives resulting from the event.

Following the summit, the student will assist with the Walton Community Health Improvement Partnership workgroup focusing on housing. This includes other sectors such as non-profits, economic development alliances, businesses, and local government members.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A desire to help others and help make a community a healthier place to live, learn, work, play, and pray.
- Knowledge of and experience with computer software, including but not limited to:
  - Windows (Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
  - Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, and/or InDesign).
- Ability to collect, evaluate and analyze data.
- Ability to organize data into logical format for presentation in reports, documents and other written materials.

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

1. Assist with Regional Housing Summit event
2. Develop materials and evaluation post-event
3. Assist with implementation of actionable items identified in Summit
4. Collaborate with WCHIP partners regarding actionable items

**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. Problem Solving
6. Effective Communication
7. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
8. Change Management

**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 consider 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
- Please also include the following with your application:
  - Writing sample

**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 24 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: FL-DOH Walton County**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY