



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC)

POSITION TITLE: SOWEGA AHEC Intern

LOCATION: 1512 W. 3rd Avenue, Albany, GA. 31707

AGENCY WEBSITES: www.sowega-ahec.org

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 2 (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: This placement will be 100% in person at the address listed above. The agency has resources for free housing for interested students.

AHEC - (NAO) is the national organization that supports and advances the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) network in improving the health of individuals and communities by transforming health care through education. The Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC) is a community-driven 501c3 not-for-profit whose goal is to improve access to healthcare by improving the number and distribution of healthcare providers in 38 counties in southwest Georgia. SOWEGA-AHEC's mission is accomplished through services that connect students to health careers, health professionals to communities, and communities to better health.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Student interns will work on 1 of the following projects:

- The **Pathway to Med School Program** is a five-week structured residential program to strengthen pre-med rural students as medical school applicants. During the program, students' complete community-based research and clinical shadowing.
- The **Ellenton Farmworker Project** is an interdisciplinary two-week program in which healthcare students (including nursing, nurse practitioner, physical therapy, and dental hygienist students) offer free health services to migrant farmworkers and their families.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent writing and analytical skills.
- Experience in community/clinical research and clinical knowledge.
- Must be MPH candidate.
- Research Process Experience (data collection, interpretation, and coding).

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Proficient in writing surveys.
- MD candidate.

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**Pathway to Med School Program**

1. Serve as Pathway Research Coordinator, assisting with data collection and student deliverables.
2. Update and revise the 2023 Pathway to Med School Program Research Manual.
3. Create a research calendar and assignment schedule for the 2023 Pathway program.
4. Compile scientific articles on 2023 research topics for students' pre-reading.
5. Revise data collection instruments as needed.
6. Serve as a photographer for SOWEGA-AHEC.
7. Complete ½- 1-page personal reflection including lessons learned, the program's areas of improvement, and the professional impact of working with the Pathway program.

Ellenton Farmworker Project

1. Attend planning meetings with Ellenton Clinic staff
2. Assist with the coordination of the workflow during the project
3. Assist with the preparation of patient files, donations, and supplies prior to the start of the project
1. Compile State deliverable report for Colquitt County
2. Serve as the photographer for SOWEGA-AHEC
3. Act as a SOWEGA-AHEC liaison during the project
4. Complete ½- a 1-page personal reflection on the project, including lessons learned, the project's areas of improvement, and the professional impact of working with the Ellenton Farmworker Project

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Community Partnership/Engagement
2. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
3. Data Analytics/Assessment/Data-based Decision Making
4. Effective Communication

TRAVEL: *Yes (Students will travel locally to clinic sites to assist the students in the Pathway to Med School with Data Collection and answer questions the students may have that are in the program. Students will travel to Moultrie, GA, for at least two pre-planning meetings to meet with the staff of the Ellenton Migrant Clinic and during the two weeks of the Ellenton Farmworker Project.)*

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. [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
 - Specify which project you are interested in (Pathway to Med or Ellenton Farmworker)
- 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 40 hours a week for 4-8 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 (**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: SOWEGA AHEC**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY