



## Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

**AGENCY:** Georgia Department of Public Health Oral Health Program

**POSITION TITLE:** Georgia Department of Public Health Intern

**LOCATION:** 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE Atlanta, GA 30334

**AGENCY WEBSITES:** <https://dph.georgia.gov/oralhealthprogramga>

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 1 (Summer 2025)

**DESIRED START DATES:** May 2025

\* 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.*

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency with a mission of preventing disease, injury and disability; promoting health and well-being; and preparing for and responding to disasters from a health perspective. Operating across divisions, sections, programs, and offices at the state level, DPH collaborates with Georgia's 159 county health departments and 18 public health districts to ensure the vision of creating a safe and healthy Georgia. This position will be in the Oral Health Office.

The mission of the Oral Health Office is to eliminate health disparities and bring optimal oral health to all the people of Georgia. The office coordinates and supports dental clinics in the 18 health districts across the state.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

During the 2025-26 school year the Office of Oral Health will be conducting a Basic Screening Survey (BSS) of third grade students. The BSS involves data collection throughout the state at multiple elementary schools. Our objective is to determine the current status of oral health of elementary school children in Georgia, to define barriers that exist throughout the state, and ultimately to have a usable data set to guide future program development. The student will have the opportunity to be part of the BSS process in a variety of ways.

The student will assist the Department of Public Health State Dental Director in collaborating with the Department of Education and elementary school partners, with coordinating data collection efforts, and with qualitative and quantitative data analysis. The student will also play a role in selecting data

collection methods and coordinating these efforts with staff in the 18 health districts. The student will also have the opportunity to communicate oral health content to school partners.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Interest in subject matter
- Willingness to learn

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

1. Development of pre-planning documentation
2. Assist with developing data collection methods
3. Assist in communication and coordination of school screening data efforts across the State
4. Conduct and participate in local data collection efforts
5. Attend meeting and progress report sessions
6. Communicate audience appropriate oral health content to stakeholders and partners.

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

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

**TRAVEL:** *Yes (Student will have the opportunity for local travel to assist with data collection at Metro Atlanta area schools.)*

**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. [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 2025)
  - 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:
  - 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 15-20 hours a week for 10-20 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/>

## HOW 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](mailto:elkidwell@emory.edu) with the subject line “**Summer 2025 Applicant: GA DPH Oral Health**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY