



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Five Horizons Health Services
POSITION TITLE: Five Horizons Health Services Intern
LOCATION: 900 Stark Road. Starkville, MS 39759
AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://www.fivehorizons.org>
NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2025)
DESIRED START DATES: May/June 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

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](#).

Note: This position has the option to be conducted on a hybrid or remote basis.

Five Horizons Health Services strives to promote a healthy, compassionate, and educated community through Medical Care, Prevention Education, Supportive Services, Advocacy, and Research. Five Horizons Health Services provides supportive services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. These services include case management, housing assistance, free transportation, food vouchers, and referrals to other supportive services such as behavioral health or workforce readiness. We serve 16 counties in East MS which includes the Golden Triangle area.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Five Horizons Health Services, with a branch in Starkville, serves low-income community members in West Alabama and East Mississippi. Agency staff work to lift low-income individuals out of poverty by improving the health and health literacy of its clients through education, providing little or no-cost health services, and by linking clients to both internal and external resources to improve the individual's employment opportunities. The student will have the opportunity to help build capacity by cultivating new partnerships with relevant community agencies, developing a resource referral guide, and conducting outreach to enroll additional clients.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills
- Attention to detail, ability to work a flexible schedule
- Ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others cooperatively on a team

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Ability to collaborate with internal and external partners
- Organizational skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills

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

- Work to establish social and professional networks within the college/university.
- Participate in comprehensive trainings on a variety of sexual health topics, such as HIV/STI, prevention and treatment, safer sex practices and the use of condoms, LGBTQ health, mental health, intimate partner violence and healthy relationships.
- Coordinate and implement outreach programs on college/university campus to improve sexual health literacy of peers, increase access to testing, risk reduction supplies, information and resources.
- Advertise programming through multi-media community outreach.
- Submit program narrative that includes outcomes at the end of each semester.
- Assist with developing PSA's as needed for community events.
- Report weekly tasks via department Progress Monitoring

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Community Partnership /Engagement
3. Cross-sector Partnerships
4. Problem Solving
5. Data Analytics/ Assessment/Data- based Decision Making
6. Public Health Science

TRAVEL: Yes (*The position includes limited local travel to schools and other events where the health department sponsors activities.*)

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. Undergraduate public health students as well as graduate students studying sociology, psychology, or social work may also be considered. [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

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 20-30 hours a week for 10-12 weeks.

The program will accommodate varying availability while ensuring the student can contribute effectively to the Health Buddies program and meet their academic requirements.

**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 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 (**resume and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line **“Summer 2025 Applicant: MS Five Horizons”**

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY