



## 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](http://www.sowega-ahec.org)

**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 at the address listed above. The agency has resources for free housing for interested students.*

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. Our vision is to cultivate a healthcare workforce that closely matches the state's population in diversity, building communities with enough practitioners in the right disciplines, particularly primary care, to improve access to healthcare.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The student will work with the preceptor at SOWEGA AHEC on the Pathway to Med School Program. This 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 student will have the opportunity to assist with all duties related to the program including clinical research, clinical site visits, and scheduling shadowing hours for pre-med students.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Understanding of clinical research and data analysis
  - Ability to communicate effectively
  - Strong interpersonal skills and a collaborative mindset
- Access to reliable transportation

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Leadership skills

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

- Assist pre-med students with data analysis for their community-based research.
- Help with finalizing student posters to compete in the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians poster competition conference.
- Assist with medical school campus visits, mock interviews for the students and the admissions forum which features all 5 medical schools of Georgia.

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

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

**TRAVEL:** Yes *(The student will go to clinical sites within a 20-mile radius of the organization. They will assist the pre-med students with possible issues or questions they may have while collecting data for their research project. Travel is minimum, approximately 7 days for the entire 5-week program.)*

**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 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
  - Writing sample

**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 5 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, writing sample, 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: SOWEGA AHEC**”

\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY