



Region IV Public Health Training Center

Region IV Public Health Training Center Pathways to Practice Scholar Field Placement Program Alabama – Spring Scholar Position

AGENCY: Mobile County Health Department

POSITION TITLE: Mobile County Health Department Intern

LOCATION: 251 North Bayou St Mobile, AL 36603

AGENCY WEBSITES: <https://mchd.org/>

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Spring 2026)

DESIRED START DATE: January 2026

* 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 through the [Region IV Public Health Training Center's Pathways to Practice Scholars Program](#).

Note: This position will be conducted 100% in person.

The Mobile County Health Department is here to provide a healthy, safe, prepared and educated community. Our mission is to promote, protect and enhance the health and wellbeing of all people in our community. We hope to accomplish this by enhancing revenue, strengthening organizational employment cycles, improving data management systems, increasing department effectiveness, boosting marketing and community image, as well as influencing health policies.

Mission: Promote, protect and enhance the health and wellbeing of all people in our community.

Vision: Empowered community where services are available to all.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student will be involved in a range of public health initiatives that integrate epidemiology, health education, community outreach, and program management. The student will assist with data collection and analysis for ongoing surveillance projects, contribute to community health improvement plans, and support the development and implementation of initiatives and campaigns. They will also help organize and evaluate outreach events, assist with health education programming, and create culturally tailored materials to engage priority populations. This placement offers a well-rounded experience that bridges data-driven public health practice with community-based interventions, providing the student with valuable insight into applied public health at the local level.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Basic understanding of public health principles and data collection methods.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint); experience with data tools like REDCap, Tableau or ESRI is a plus.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Interest in health equity, STI prevention, and community health improvement.
- Professionalism, reliability, and a willingness to learn in a dynamic public health environment.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to maintain confidentiality and adhere to HIPAA and public health data privacy standards.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Basic proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Willingness to engage with diverse populations and participate in community-based activities

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

- Contribute to Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Assist with data collection and analysis for public health initiatives.
- Develop health educational materials and communication tools.
- Assist in program evaluation and grant management tasks.
- Participate in interdepartmental collaboration and meetings.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Budgeting and Financial Management
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
4. Data Analytics/ Assessment/Data- based Decision Making
5. Problem Solving
6. Public Health Science
7. Effective Communication

TRAVEL: No

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Students must be Masters or Doctoral level Public Health students to be eligible for this position. *Past Pathways to Practice Scholars are not eligible to apply again.*

- Please include a **cover letter** with the following:
 - The semesters you are applying for (Spring 2026)
 - 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
 - Statement of Interests

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 16-30 hours a week for 10-12 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 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, statement of interests, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Spring 2026 Applicant: MCHD**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY