



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: Disability Resource Network

POSITION TITLE: Disability Resource Network Intern

LOCATION: 415 E Church Street NW Suite 11 Huntsville, AL 35801

AGENCY WEBSITES: www.drn256.org

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2026)

DESIRED START DATE: June 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 as a field placement through the [Region IV Public Health Training Center Pathways to Practice Scholars Program](#).

Note: This placement will be 100% in person.

Disability Resource Network's mission is to promote independence to people with disabilities through advocacy, public education, and consumer controlled independent living services. We encourage people with disabilities to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. We also promote equal access and disability rights through advocacy and public awareness activities. We provide five core services. The core services we provide are Peer Support, Transition Services, Independent Living Skills, Information & Referrals, and Advocacy.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The student will be involved with projects aimed at improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. The work will be focused on helping people with disabilities to live independently. Some of the projects the student will be involved in creating will include:

- Workshops
- Social media campaigns
- Community outreach
- Public health grant writing
- One pagers and factsheets

The student will also have the opportunity to work on programs related to health literacy, environmental health, disaster recovery, and health equity.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Student must live in service area (Huntsville, AL / North Alabama) or be willing to travel to in person events within service area and work on projects, research, and programs remotely.

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

- Advocacy- Create advocacy projects and educate community on advocacy priorities for people with disabilities.
- Policy-Bring awareness of policies that impact people with disabilities and work with organization to bring policies dealing with people with disabilities to the community.
- Outreach and Community Engagement-Bring awareness and promote partnership/collaboration for the organization and people with disabilities.
- Communications and Graphic Design- Create one pagers, accessible material, and social media campaigns

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Community Partnership/Engagement
4. Cross-sector Partnerships
5. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: Yes (*Student will have the opportunity to travel locally for outreach and program 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 students. Will also consider Undergraduate Public Health students (juniors and seniors) as well as Sociology, Social Work, and Psychology 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 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:
 - 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 15-25 hours a week for 12-16 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.*

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the required documents following specifications above (**writing sample, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line **"Summer 2026 Applicant: AL DRN"**

***PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY**