



Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

AGENCY: District 2 Public Health- Hart County Health Department

POSITION TITLE: District 2 Public Health Intern

LOCATION: 64 Reynolds St. Hartwell, GA

AGENCY WEBSITES: distrit2ph.org

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1 (Summer 2026)

DESIRED START DATES: May 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.

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) mission is to prevent disease, injury, and disability; promote health and well-being; and prepare for and respond to public health emergencies to protect the health of all Georgians, working through local health departments and state-level programs focused on population health, surveillance, and emergency preparedness.

District 2 Women's Health Program provides comprehensive health care services and support to women across 13 counties in Northeast Georgia. Family Planning services include reproductive life planning and preconception counseling, a full range of contraception options including IUDs and Nexplanon, and free feminine hygiene products for low-income women and teens. Family planning services are provided at no cost to women under the age of 18. In addition to family planning, we administer the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) and clinic services such as well women visits. The district women's health staff serve as the liaison between county health departments and the state, ensuring seamless communication, data reporting and protocol updates. The district team is composed of a coordinator, registered nurse, business analyst, two outreach specialists, and administrative assistant.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The project is aimed to increase Hart county's family planning capacity by identifying existing resources, fostering community connections, expanding partnership opportunities, and enhancing awareness of family planning services through community-based communication channels, including social media platforms.

The student will assist with a community needs assessment focused on family planning services, with particular emphasis on teens and young women.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience or coursework in community health assessment, health promotion, community outreach, marketing
- Familiarity with community-based or rural public health settings
- Experience with health communication and social media platforms

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest in family planning and reproductive health particularly for adolescents and young women
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Comfortable engaging with peers and community members

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

1. Conduct a community scan of family planning, reproductive health, and youth-serving resources in Hart County
2. Identify service gaps, barriers to access, and unmet community needs
3. Map existing community connections and referral networks supporting teens and young women
4. Assist in identifying and documenting current and potential partnerships with schools, community organizations, businesses, agencies and other stakeholders
5. Help assess which social media platforms (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, TikTok) are most effective for reaching teens and young women in Hart County
6. Support the development of social media content (e.g., informational posts, graphics, messaging calendars) to promote family planning and women's health resources.
7. Support outreach and engagement activities focused on adolescent and young women's health
8. Compile findings into written summaries, reports, or presentations for District 2 Public Health and Hart County Health Department staff

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Program Planning
2. Community Partnership/Engagement
3. Cross-Sector Partnerships
4. Leadership and Systems Thinking/Strategic Thinking
5. Data Analytics/ Assessment/Data- based Decision Making
6. Problem Solving
7. Public Health Science
8. Effective Communication
9. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

TRAVEL: Yes *(The student will visit the district office at the beginning of the internship and some travel within Hart County.)*

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 and graduate students studying Sociology or Social Work. [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:
 - 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 20-25 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.*

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 with the subject line **"Summer 2026 Applicant: GA District 2"**

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY