

Texas Department of State Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Public Heath Workforce Pipeline Internships					
Internship Location: In-Person/Virtual		Jasmii	ptor Name and Title: ne Barnes, MPH, CHES – am Specialist II		
Brief Description					
The Public Health Workforce Pipeline Internship is an immersive project designed to provide hands-on experience in various aspects of public health workforce development. Interns will work within a collaborative environment alongside professionals to address public health needs and build skills in community engagement, program planning, policy analysis, and communications. Each intern will contribute to key project goals while gaining exposure to public health frameworks and initiatives that support a sustainable career pipeline.					
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 15 - 20	Paid: □Yes ⊠No	DSHS Division: RLHO		Program: Community Health Services	
Disciplines of Public Health					
⊠ Biostatistics/Data Analytics		☐ Epidemiology		☑ Health Promotion	
		⊠ Program Plann	ing	☐ Health Administration	
☐ Environmental Health		☑ Research		☑ Program Evaluation	
☑ Policy Analysis and Development		☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.			
Internship Details					
Intern Activities					

- Develop Foundational Knowledge of Public Health Workforce Needs: Interns will gain an understanding of the core components of public health workforce development, including identifying and addressing workforce gaps, understanding stakeholder roles, and promoting career pathways within the field.
- Apply Project Management and Analytical Skills: Interns will apply project planning, communication, and analytical skills to real-world projects. This includes creating educational materials, evaluating program data, and building partnerships within the community to support public health initiatives.
- Enhance Professional Communication and Collaboration Abilities: Interns will learn how to effectively communicate with diverse stakeholders, work within

interdisciplinary teams, and adapt messages for various audiences, helping to build skills essential for public health and community-focused work.

Intern Deliverables

Workforce Pipeline Digital Toolkit:

- Include career pathways, educational resources, internship opportunities, and job search tips.
- Create infographics or short videos explaining different public health roles.

Educational Materials Portfolio:

A collection of educational resources (fact sheets, presentations, handouts)
created to increase public awareness and interest in public health careers,
adapted to various audiences (early education, post-secondary, community).

Public Health Workforce Directory:

- Update and expand a directory of key stakeholders, academic institutions, and workforce development programs.
- Include contact information, areas of focus, and partnership opportunities.
- Identify new potential partners for workforce expansion.

Workgroup Performance Dashboard:

- Develop a user-friendly dashboard to track workgroup meetings, progress, and outcomes.
- Create a reporting template for workgroups to submit updates.

As part of an end-of-semester celebration of the interns, the intern will give a brief PowerPoint or poster presentation of their project and experience to an audience of DSHS staff and university partners.

Applicant Qualifications

Required	Skill	
	☑ Microsoft Office:	
	⊠ Word	
	⊠ Excel	
	□ PowerPoint	
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)	
	☐ Tableau or similar applications	

	☐ Other software applications		
	Academic Level		
	Master's in Public Health Student		
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)		
	Effective communication, Critical Thinking Skills		
Preferred	Skill		
	☑ Microsoft Office:		
	⊠ Word		
	⊠ Excel		
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)		
	☐ Tableau or similar applications		
	☐ Other software applications		
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	Academic Level		
	MPH student		
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)		
	Efficient communicator, Cultural competency of rural communities		

Application InstructionsQualified and interested applicants must submit the following items to the contact below:

☑ Application		☐ Two letters of recommendation Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
⊠ Resume	□ Writing Sample	☐ Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Information

Contact Name and Information	Name: Craig Gilden Credentials: MEd Title: Education Coordinator Email:internships@dshs.texas.gov
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