Region IV Public Health Training Center’s
Pathways to Practice Scholars
Fall Field Placement Program

APPLY NOW

See full posting below. Interested students should apply as soon as possible.
Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received.

What is the Pathways to Practice Scholar Field Placement Program?
The Pathways to Practice Scholars program allows current public health students to gain practical experience while mentored by seasoned practitioners serving or working on behalf of underserved communities or populations.

Funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Region IV Public Health Training Center (R-IV PHTC) Student Scholar positions will be located in the eight R-IV states, including North Carolina.

**Is there a financial award and housing information?**
Scholars selected by field placement agencies will receive a Pathways to Practice Scholar Award total of $3500. Please refer to the specific job postings for more information.

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For more information, contact:
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Center for Healthy Communities & N.C. Public Health Training Center
College of Health and Human Services – University of North Carolina Wilmington
AGENCY: Brunswick County Health Services  
POSITION TITLE: NC - Brunswick County Intern  
LOCATION: 29 Courthouse Drive NE, Bolivia, NC 28422  
AGENCY WEBSITE: [http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/health](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/health)  
NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 1  
DESIRED START DATES: Fall – August 2019 (Deadline extended: April 1, 2019)  

DESCRIPTION: The following position is offered as a field placement through the Region IV Public Health Training Center ([http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc](http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc)).

The mission of Brunswick County Health Services is to preserve, protect, and improve the health of the community. This mission is accomplished through the collection and dissemination of health information, education, and service programs aimed at the prevention of disease, protection of the environment and improvement of the quality of life for our citizens. Brunswick County Health Services assures the health and safety of our future generations and envisions an agency that strives to meet the following guiding principles:

- Health Department maintains Local Health Department Accreditation Standards, as defined in policies and protocols are maintained by all programs
- Service deliverables and expansion are driven by community need
- Improved efficiency is attained in all divisions
- Health Department recruits, develops and retains a well-qualified, diverse workforce
- Public image of Health Department is positive
- Quality of services is assured through implementation of the quality assurance plan
- Residents experience improved health outcomes and quality of life
- Health Department is accountable to the public in fiscal responsibility and service delivery
- Efforts are conducted through improved internal collaboration and communication
- Health Department is considered to be an employer of choice
- Expanded service availability
- Physical facilities are available, or in planning stage to address growing community needs and support newest technologies
- Funding is available to support and improve our programs
- Best practices, as recognized by the public health community are utilized in service provision
- Department is capable of providing a comprehensive response to Public Health Emergencies

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The student scholars will -

- Promote and be a positive advocate for Brunswick County Health Services.
- Develop communication skills through professional interactions with Brunswick County Health Services employees as well as Brunswick County residents.
- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the health needs of Brunswick County by becoming familiar with the 2015 Community Health Assessment and 2016 Public Health Strategic Action Plan.
- Develop organizational skills and learn methods of health promotion by contributing to the planning and implementation of promotional events.
- Develop initiative skills by sharing ideas and discussing ways to improve and support health and wellness in Brunswick County.
THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN:
1) Assist with the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA) process
2) Plan community health outreach events
3) Develop marketing materials
4) Attend and actively participate in Brunswick Wellness Coalition meetings

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:
1) Program Planning
2) Analytic/Assessment
3) Public Health Science
4) Communication
5) Cultural Competency

TRAVEL: Student may attend in-county or neighboring county coalition and committee meetings. Travel should not exceed 1 day per week.

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for undergraduate public health students in North Carolina)

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:
Candidates must be undergraduate public health students from accredited schools and programs of public health located in North Carolina. Students must be juniors or seniors to be eligible for this position. Your cover letter should include the agency name, desired start month, and citizenship or visa status. The agency will need to verify candidates’ immunization status. Please include your resume and unofficial transcript when you apply. Optional to include a writing sample and/or samples of brochures and/or flyers created by the candidate. Students graduating in December 2019 can still apply, but must complete the program prior to graduation. Past recipients of the Pathways to Practice Award are not eligible to apply again.

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: $3500 AWARD** NOTE: TRAVEL COSTS WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE PROGRAM BEYOND THE TOTAL $3500 AWARD.

DURATION: August – November/December 2019

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK: EST. 20+ HOURS PER WEEK. TOTAL HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE TO MEET STUDENT INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS.
*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: http://www.sph.emory.edu/r4phtc.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please submit the required documents (writing sample (optional), sample brochure/flyer, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status) to:
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PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY

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