

Please complete the below template, using comments as guidance

Internship Title: Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Intern		Preceptor Name, Title: Jahana Deadmon, Obesity Prevention Program Specialist	
Location (City/Region): Austin, TX	Division, Program: Community Health Improvement Division, Obesity Prevention Program	In Person: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Fully	
Brief Description			
This intern will assist the Obesity Prevention Program (OPP) with two key statewide initiatives designed to combat obesity in early childhood: Texas Healthy Building Blocks (THBB) and Farm to Early Childcare and Education (Farm to ECE). THBB is our recognition program for ECE facilities working to adopt evidence-based obesity prevention practices through ECE professional development and facility quality improvement. Farm to ECE encourages local or regional production of foods procured by or donated to ECE programs with an emphasis on three core strategies: local food sourcing, gardening, and food & agriculture education. The intern will participate in strategic planning for THBB project sustainability; support the expansion plan for our THBB technical assistance network; and support the Farm to ECE workgroup formed in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.			
Hours/Week: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 - 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Variable	Preferred Academic Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference		

Disciplines

<input type="checkbox"/> Research/Data Analytics	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication/Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Biostatistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy Analysis and Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Internship Details

Intern Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain records to assist statewide strategic plan addressing fresh food access in early care programs. Participate in strategic planning, educational outreach and/or communications development to increase support for ECE facilities in THBB.

Intern Deliverables

- Develop a Farm to ECE quarterly reporting template to summarize and highlight workgroup members' progress on strategic activities.
- Create a 2-year workshop toolkit for Texas Healthy Building Blocks to support ECE facilities with meeting best-practice recommendations, including a project timeline, workplan and potential funding sources.
- Research and create a proposal to engage Community Health Workers in ECEs, which will be used to develop a strategic plan for THBB program sustainability.

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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other software applications
	Academic Level College Senior
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Communication, Organization
Preferred	Skill
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Excel <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other software applications Canva, Trello
	Academic Level Master's Candidate
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Leadership

Application Instructions

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	

Contact Information

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