Internship/Practicum Project Title: **Tuberculosis Program Evaluation**  
**Semester/Term:** spring-20  
**Paid:** no hours  
**Duration:** 1 semester  
**Location:** Austin State Hospital campus, Austin, 78756  
**DSHS Area/Program:** TB and Hansen’s Disease Branch  
**Internship Supervisor/Preceptor:** Dr. Tonya Smith  
**DSHS Internship Coordinator:** Wendy Andreades, MBA. Ph: 512-776-3750  
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Qualified and interested students are directed to submit an application, letter of interest (indicating the specific project or projects the student is interested in), resume, and two letters of recommendation via e-mail to Wendy Andreades.

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| **Program Description:** The Tuberculosis (TB) and Hansen’s Disease Branch is located on the DSHS Austin State Hospital Campus. The Branch provides support to TB programs in 8 Public Health Regions (PHRs) and 31 contracted local health departments (LHDs) throughout the state. The vision of the TB and Hansen’s Branch is to eliminate TB in Texas; its mission is to prevent, control, and eliminate tuberculosis among the people of Texas. | **Required:**  
- Graduate Student  
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills  
- Intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Excel  
- Basic qualitative and quantitative research skills  
- Interest and/or experience in public health, disease surveillance, or epidemiology. | **Learning Objectives:**  
By the end of the practicum, the intern will be able to:  
- Describe the purpose of TB program evaluation  
- Identify 2020 National TB Indicator Project objectives and performance targets  
- Identify Texas TB Program performance objectives  
- Identify sources of TB program evaluation data  
- Utilize program evaluation data in establishing TB Branch objectives  
- Apply logic models to program evaluation project design |
| **Purpose:** The TB Program Evaluation Practicum will provide students with opportunities to:  
- collect and analyze TB Branch program evaluation data;  
- collaborate with TB program stakeholders to establish short- and long-term performance objectives; and  
- evaluate TB program performance towards state and national goals. | **Preferred:**  
- Students pursing degree in nursing or public health  
- Previous experience with or knowledge of TB prevention and care control guidelines  
- Proficiency in database management  | **Intern Activities:**  
- Complete CDC TB Self-Study Modules (1-9).  
- Review Texas Tuberculosis Work Plan  
- Review CDC TB Program Evaluation Handbook  
- Assist with drafting program evaluation reports  
- Engage TB program stakeholders  
- Collaborate with TB Branch staff in identifying program evaluation projects  
- Contribute to the development of program evaluation training and education content |
| **Project Description:** The intern will support TB Branch evaluation of local and regional TB program performance. |  | **Intern Deliverables:**  
- Texas TB Program Evaluation Plan  
- TB Manual Program Evaluation Chapter |
| **Population(s) Served:** The general population of Texas, especially vulnerable/at-risk groups with the greatest burden of TB disease. |  |  |
| **Stakeholders:** CDC, TB and Hansen’s Disease Branch, TB/HIV/STD Surveillance Branch, PHRs, LHDs, congregate setting facilities, and other consumers of public health services. |  |  |
| **Relevant Statutes or Other Policies:** The planning, organization and delivery of public health services are directed by the Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 532.012. |  |  |