

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



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Fellowship Name: Community Health Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Bell County Public Health District

Host Site Division/Program: Community Health & Preparedness

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 4236 Lowes Drive, Temple, Texas 76502

Host Site Workplace Setting: 100% onsite/in-person

Remote Work Description: N/A

Public Health Core Disciplines: Social and Behavioral Sciences Health Policy and Management

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Health Promotion Program Management

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

The mission of the Bell County Public Health District (BCPH) and the Community Health Section is to promote healthy lifestyles in the communities served through education, service, and leadership; to prevent disease and protect the public's health, and to serve as highly trained and skilled professionals dedicated to public health.

Fellowship Projects

BCPH began a Community Health Assessment project as part of preparing for PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board), but due to other priorities and changes in staff, the project was put on hold when we reached the focus group stage. The fellow will take the lead to restart and complete the community health assessment. This will involve working with multiple areas within BCPH, coordinating with other health entities in Bell County and collaborating with UMHB faculty advisors. This will also include leading the collection of quantitative data from local, regional, state, and national sources. This is the first assessment done by BCPH and would lay the foundation for future projects.

Fellowship Deliverables

Notes from meetings with partners, focus groups findings, process outline and updates, findings from other CHA's and data sources The fellow will not be expected to do the final analysis and write the assessment (that's a group process), but to shepherd the process for gathering data and conducting the analysis, ensuring that the assessment is completed.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

Responsibilities will be to assess previous years' work, determine if the existing data is still viable, and create a plan to move forward and implement that plan for collecting primary and secondary data. This will involve coordinating with BCPH staff in Community Health, Epidemiology and Administration, and coordinating with UMHB faculty consultants for the primary. It will involve working with DSHS, and local hospitals and others to collect secondary data. Synthesizing the secondary data findings to make them usable the final report. Skills that will be learned include communication, project management, community outreach, data collection, data analysis, collaboration, and consensus building. The fellow will also learn how to conduct a community health assessment according to PHAB standards and get a firsthand look at the depth and breadth of issues impacting the health of a community,

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: \$51,000

The fellow will be eligible for [Bell County Health District employee benefits](#) including health insurance and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 15%

Travel Description: Mostly within Bell County to meet with stakeholders, some in-state to attend conferences or meetings, and occasional out-of-state to attend a national conference.

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

No Requirement

Ability to Write in Spanish:

No Requirement

Preferred Educational Qualifications

(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Master's degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:

Somewhat Skilled: has done Data Analysis in coursework, but not applied Data Analysis in the real world

Statistical Software:

No

Skill Level with Statistical Software:

No Preference

Other Software:

N/A