

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



Fellowship Name: Sexual Health Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Williamson County & Cities Health District

Host Site Division/Program: Clinical Services Program

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 355 Texas Avenue, Round Rock, Texas 78664

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: As this is a direct care division, the position is primarily in office but is eligible for hybrid work. After shadowing and onboarding, a hybrid schedule may be determined with the preceptor. Remote practices are documented with a log. Hybrid position typically run 2-3 days remote with the other days in office.

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

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Infectious Diseases Community Engagement

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission: Core Clinical Services include vaccinations, screening and treatment of tuberculosis, and testing, treatment, and counseling for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Through prevention, intervention, and education, Williamson County and Cities Health District's Clinical Services aims to improve the overall health and wellbeing for the citizens of Williamson County.

Fellowship Projects: STIs are on the rise and the impact is seen throughout the community with secondary impact, such as a rise in congenital syphilis. The fellow's focus project is to provide comprehensive -but accessible - educational materials on the screening and treatment of STIs to community providers. Additionally, through direct work with patients of Clinical Services, the Fellow will assist with identifying barriers to care and using this information to create proposed solutions to these barriers. The Fellow will work with county data and the Health District Nurse Practitioner to create priority interventions.

Fellowship Deliverables: Project deliverables include creating educational materials tailored to clinical providers and patients. Additionally, limited data analysis will identify barriers to care and health department access, as well as community impact. Findings will be shared with relevant stakeholders to inform improvements and address challenges in healthcare delivery.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities: The fellow will be responsible for learning (through provided resources, on-staff clinical providers and educational materials) what is considered an STI, appropriate screening, and treatment. Additionally, they will learn about why the rise of STIs is a public health crisis. They will familiarize themselves with current evaluation protocols and how the Health District works with community providers as well as the state and the region to evaluate patients. Once the fellow is familiar with these processes and the importance of this issue, they will create public-facing materials. These materials can be educational as well as algorithmic, with the intention of empowering providers with the information they need to screen and treat patients for STIs.

Additionally, they will acquire the skill of understanding the target audience and tailoring language, reading levels, and priority points based on the intended audience. Lastly, the fellow will be exposed to the fundamentals of public health and how health disparities impact people every day.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: \$62,000

All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee benefits including health insurance and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 30%

Travel Description: Travel will be limited to within the county and will be scheduled according to the Fellow's schedule. The purpose of travel will be to meet with local providers within the community to discuss current practices for screening and treatment of sexually transmitted illnesses.

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: Bachelor'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:

Basic Skills: has some awareness or knowledge of Data Analysis

Statistical Software:

No Preference

Skill Level with Statistical Software:

Limited proficiency-has knowledge and interest in learning more, but little experience using the software

Other Software:

Microsoft Suite; Canva