

# Texas Department of State Health Services

## **Internship Description**

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Healthcare Safety, Data and Training				
Internship Location:	Preceptor Name and Title:			
Austin or Remote Options Available	Angie Benedetto & Connie Valenzuela,			
	Data & Training Team Leads			
Brief Description				
Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs) are internationally and nationally recognized				
by the scientific and medical communities as serious public health threats. The				
Healthcare Safety Unit (HSU) works collaboratively with healthcare facilities, local				
health departments, public health laboratories and other stakeholders to respond to				
HAI investigations and surveillance via sharing of information, education, and audits.				

Approximate Total
Weekly Hours:
Varies

Paid:
□Yes
□Yes
□No

DSHS Division:
Disease Surveillance
and Epidemiology
Section

Program:
Healthcare Safety Unit

The internship will allow the student to (1) learn about common pathogens and

(3) understand how to manage and disseminate HAI information to different

antibiotics used related to HAIs; (2) recognize what infection prevention and control practices the state and healthcare facilities should follow to contain the spread of HAI;

**Disciplines of Public Health** 

☐ Biostatistics/Data Analytics	☐ Epidemiology	⋈ Health Promotion
	□ Program Planning	
☐ Environmental Health	⊠ Research	□ Program Evaluation
☐ Policy Analysis and Development		

## **Internship Details**

### **Intern Activities**

- Compile, manage, and evaluate data.
- Conduct HAI Pathogens & antibiotics research and database maintenance
- Research and/or develop health promotion materials.
- Develop and/or evaluate training materials.

#### **Intern Deliverables**

- Oral power point presentation for program staff.
- Healthcare safety training and/or health promotion materials.
- Complete database as needed.

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		
	⊠ Word		
	⊠ Excel		
	□ PowerPoint		
	☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)		
	☐ Tableau or similar applications		
	☐ Other software applications		
	Academic Level		
	intermediate		
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)		
	Organized and detail oriented.		
Preferred	Skill		
	☐ Microsoft Office:		
	□ Word		
	□ Excel		
	☐ PowerPoint		
	<ul><li>☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)</li><li>☐ Tableau or similar applications</li></ul>		
	□ Other software applications		
	Qualtrics and external databases such as but not limited to the US Census Academic Level Intermediate Any other skills required (soft or technical)		
	Resourceful and creative.		

## **Application Instructions**

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

	✓ Latter of Interest	☐ <b>Two letters of recommendation</b> Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
⊠ Resume	☐ Writing Sample	☐ Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contact Information**

Contact Name and Information

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