

Texas Department of State Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Epidemiology					
Internship Location: Austin or Remote Options Available			Preceptor Name and Title: Alma Martinez, Angie Benedetto, Healthcare Safety Unit		
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. The internship will allow the student to (1) learn the epidemiology of HAI; (2) recognize what infection prevention and control practices healthcare facilities should follow to contain the spread of HAI; (3) understand how to manage and disseminate HAI information to different stakeholders.					
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: Varies	Paid: □Yes ⊠No	DSHS Division: Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology Section		Program: Healthcare Safety Unit	
Disciplines of Public Health					
□ Biostatistics/Data Analytics		⊠ Epidemiology		☐ Health Promotion	
		☐ Program Plann	ning	☐ Health Administration	
☐ Environmental Health		⊠ Research		☐ Program Evaluation	
\square Policy Analysis and	☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.				
Internship Details					
Intern Activities					
 Compile, manage, and evaluate HAI data Report and disseminate HAI data to different stakeholders Support HAI prevention efforts across the state, which could include assisting with retroactive case finding, gathering information, identifying risk factors for infection, and developing control measures Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text. 					

Intern Deliverables

- Oral power point presentation for program staff
- Abstract draft for potential submission to a peer-reviewed journal for publication or for potential submission for presentation at a public health conference

• Other deliverables as determined by intern's school/DSHS program

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					
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	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					
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Preferred	Skill					
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	☐ Other software applications					
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	Academic Level					
	Graduate Student					
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					
	Good teamwork and analytical skills.					

Application Instructions

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

	✓ Letter of Interest	☐ Two letters of recommendation 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

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