

Texas Department of State Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Maternal Child Health 6/5s Internship – Perinatal Policies and Public Health Practice						
Internship Location: Remote with ability to work in person at regional office (5425 Polk Street, Houston, Texas 77023)				Preceptor Name and Title: Romyssa Hashim, MPH Program Specialist II Community Health Services		
Brief Description						
The purpose of this practicum is to provide students with the opportunity to apply public health knowledge to inform maternal child health practice in the community. Data collected would serve as a baseline for promoting optimal health and healthy development across the lifespan in the region. Learning objectives include (1) explore Title V maternal child health performance measures for perinatal specific guidance, (2) analyze Texas legal, regulatory, and institutional policies intended to protect infant health and inform public health practice, (3) gain experience researching and reviewing health policies, plans and statutes.						
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 15-30	Paid: □Yes ⊠No	DSHS Division: RLHO PHR 6/5 South		Program: Community Health Service		
Disciplines of Public Health						
☐ Biostatistics/Data Analytics		☐ Epidemiology		☐ Health Promotion		
☐ Health Communication		☐ Program Planning				
☐ Environmental Health		⊠ Research		☐ Program Evaluation		
□ Policy Analysis and Development		□ Other:				

Internship Details

Intern Activities

Review perinatal health policies to understand and analyze what infant-serving institutions are doing to promote perinatal health.

- Identify at least one perinatal Title V measure focus area for policy analysis (e.g., safe sleep, etc.)
- Conduct an environmental scan of perinatal health policies in the US
- Review current Texas legislature informing perinatal care and best practices
- Describe health policy processes and structures
- Compare perinatal policies in Texas

Intern Deliverables

- Summary of intern activities can include:
 - Environmental scan for opportunities and trends that may impact the current and future perinatal care strategies
 - Perinatal /MCH-related updates from the 88th Legislative Session with recommendations for public health practice and potential MCH outcomes
 - Perinatal policy analysis

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					
	Undergraduate or master's Level					
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					
Preferred	Skill					
	☑ Word☑ Excel					
	☑ PowerPoint☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)					
	☐ Tableau or similar applications					
	☐ Other software applications					
	Academic Level					
	Student pursuing a graduate degree in Health Administration, Public					
	Health					
	Any other skills required (soft or technical)					

Application Instructions

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

	☐ Letter of Interest	☐ Two letters of recommendation
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			Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
☐ Resume	□ Writin	g Sample	☐ Other documents:
Contact Infor	mation		
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Information

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