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Internship Program for Public Health Practice

Overview

ASPHN's Health Equity Internship Program offers a unique internship opportunity to prepare students, of federally designated minority-serving institutions (MSIs) and underrepresented students enrolled in non-MSIs, to apply academic skills and problem-solving to real-life work experiences while the public health programs they serve gain vitality and fresh perspectives from future leaders. Since the fall of 2002, with support from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, this internship program has placed over 800 interns in a variety of internship positions within federal, state and local health departments, community-based organizations and other health-related agencies. It's the ideal opportunity to explore career options in public health and define career goals under the mentorship of expert professionals in the public health community.

Activities

- Structured learning objectives based on the ten essentials of public health service and core competencies in health promotion and education
- Mentored by preceptors at federal agencies, state and local health departments, community based organizations and other public and private and nonprofit public health agencies including health clinics and hospitals
- Gain work experience in a variety of public health topics: minority health, cardiovascular disease, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, physical activity and nutrition, injury prevention, health disparities and health equity

Eligibility

- Graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in federally designated MSI (historical black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions and tribal colleges and universities).
- Underrepresented students enrolled in non-MSIs pursuing degrees in public health or related disciplines
- Enrolled in a public health program or a related field

Benefits

- Paid internship program at no cost to the students, participating preceptors, MSIs or placement sites.
- Convenient state-of-the-art online evaluation and progress reporting
- Opportunities to participate in professional development webinars and public health conferences
- Support with applying to master's and doctoral programs related to the public health arena
- Mentoring with ongoing guidance and preparation for careers in public health

How to apply

Contact internship@asphn.org for a student or preceptor and for application and deadlines.

For more information, contact ASPHN Internship staff at 814.255.2829x705 or email internship@asphn.org.