

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Dept. Public Health



Title of Internship

1 position available:

Public Health Intern

Location

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services
1304 S. 25th Ave. Edinburg, TX

Part Time

Part-Time (10-35 hours per week)

M-F, 8am-5pm, depending on applicant's availability

Introduction

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services (HCHHS) is seeking applicants for the Public Health Intern position, whom will complete a one semester appointment at Hidalgo County Health and Human Services. The internships at HCHHSD are unfunded practicum experiences for graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at schools of public health and health related programs in the United States.

The HCHHSD Public Health Internship Program provides an unparalleled opportunity for professional growth and development as a public health practitioner and will prepare the intern to be an ambassador for the important work of HCHHSD in his/her professional discipline, work setting, or community. The intern will have frequent contact with HCHHSD public health experts in the various fields of Public Health. With this internship, the candidate will gain knowledge of Public Health systems, the application of Projects, Education, and a comprehensive understanding of Public Health within the community.

The intern will have an opportunity to participate in training and development activities at HCHHSD that may include:

- Orientation to HCHHSD and government office work
- Attendance to available seminars/webinars, meetings, and conferences
- Shadowing HCHHSD Public Health Staff
- Participation in Public Health-Projects

Program Objectives

The Public Health Preparedness Internship Program at HCHHSD is designed to align with the Hidalgo County's goals and missions, as well as support the individual intern's progress toward a career in public health. To this end the program will:

- (1) Develop the public health workforce
- (2) Strengthen HCHHSD's partnership with schools of public health and the pipeline of public health and health-related professionals
- (3) Orient the future public health workforce to HCHHSD mission, programs, and leadership

Description of Duties

Although specific projects of the Public Health Intern will depend on initiatives within the office of placement during the intern's appointment, the following list provides an idea of the scope and breadth of the intern's work at HCHHSD:

- Participate and work on a variety of Public Health Projects and Grants
- Assist, create, and distribute Public Health Education
- Training on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Other duties may occur as assigned

Qualifications

Undergraduate/Graduate Student (BS, MPH, MS, etc.) Preferred

GPA of 3.0 or higher (transcript may be requested)

Background in Community Health, Public Health, Public Administration, or Health Policy/Management is a plus.