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Internship Title: Health Education in Public Health Services			
Internship Location: Harlingen or Remote Options Available		Preceptor Name and Title: Mauro Ruiz – Communicable Disease Manager	
Brief Description			
<p>Internship opportunity for undergraduate and graduate-level students at a public health agency. Students will participate in the HIV-STD, Immunizations, Tuberculosis, and Zoonosis programs that provide array of public health services to prevent and control communicable diseases. Students will experience how health education strategies are integrated and implemented among clients, patients, the community, and stakeholders to support program objectives. Learning objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How health education strategies are selected in public health programs? • How programs tailor messages for individuals/populations with higher risk of negative health outcomes? • How programs design campaigns to reach populations in specific settings? • How health education programs and health promotion campaigns are evaluated within public health services? 			
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 15 – 20 (negotiable)	Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	DSHS Division: Regional and Local Health Services	Program: Communicable Disease

Disciplines of Public Health

<input type="checkbox"/> Biostatistics/Data Analytics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Evaluation
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy Analysis and Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Internship Details

Intern Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in HIV-STD case investigations with a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) to learn how to interview a client, gather information, and apply prevention and control strategies. • Assist in Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) visits for Tuberculosis (TB) patients in collaboration with Public Health & Prevention Specialist to use health education to effectively manage side effects and treat a TB patient.

- Assess strategies to educate and inform parents in a clinical setting to prevent missed opportunities to vaccinate children eligible for HPV and flu vaccines in field clinics enrolled in the Texas Vaccine for Children (TVFC) program.
- Learn about health communication strategies used by Local Health Entities to prevent mosquito-borne diseases (e.g. dengue, West Nile Virus, and Zika).
- Evaluate the use of provider toolkits and health education materials to increase flu vaccination among pregnant women.

Intern Deliverables

- Create a tailored health education toolkit for an at-risk population based on lessons learned in the field and evidence-based resources and best practices.
- Provide a presentation or training on the health education toolkit to program staff.
- Develop an evaluation or survey tool to assess the effectiveness of the toolkit to improve health outcomes among the target population.

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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other software applications
	Academic Level Undergraduate degree
Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.	
Preferred	Skill
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Application Instructions

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Information

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