

Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section (WICWS) Internship Opportunities 2023

Please read below for details on available internship projects at the WICWS. Currently only one intern is needed for each project. To apply for one of these internships please [click here](#).

Health Equity Database Internship

Location: Remote

Time of Year: Anytime during 2023

Hours: Estimated 10-20 hours a week for 10 weeks (100-200 hours); Flexible based on student availability

Student Level: Open to undergraduate juniors or seniors, graduate first or second year students, and Community College graduates (graduated within the last year)

Required Discipline: Public Health, Social Work, Communication, or Health Education

Desired Skills: Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, Communication Skills (emails, writing, presenting) and Survey Design

Preceptor Credentials: Master of Public Health (MPH) and Certified in Public Health (CPH)

Compensation: The WICWS has a goal of funding this internship at a minimum of \$20 per hour. At this time, we cannot guarantee funding but are actively pursuing funding sources.

Description:

The first part of this project will consist of reviewing, editing, and adding to an existing list of organizations in NC that provide health equity trainings. A key part of this step will be organizing the existing list, conducting further research on the existing organizations and the trainings they provide, and removing organizations that do not meet criteria. Inclusion criteria have been drafted and will be finalized in conjunction with the internship preceptor.

The second part of this project is to create a survey or form that will be available online for organizations to provide their information if they are interested in being added to the health equity training web resource. The intern will not be required to create this as a web page, but rather they should build the survey questions and responses so that the information can easily be translated into a web format.

Health Equity:

This project centers health equity through aiding the development of a health equity training resource. Once fully developed this resource will be a tool for all North Carolinians to identify available training around health equity topics. This tool will improve individuals' and organizations' ability to identify available trainings and will lift up smaller community-based organizations who provide these services but may not be well known.

Internship Objectives:

1. Increase knowledge about maternal health.
2. Increase knowledge about health equity and health equity topics.
3. Practice information gathering in multiple ways with agencies statewide.
4. Demonstrate survey design knowledge.

Internship Activities:

1. Review and edit an existing spreadsheet of health equity training resources.
2. Build on existing list through internet research, phone calls to organizations across the state, and engagement in health equity training spaces.
3. Develop a survey for organizations to submit their information to be added to the list of health equity training organizations.
4. Complete online trainings, webinars, and activities related to maternal health and health equity.
5. Attend/lead regular meetings with internship preceptor.

Evaluation Design and Implementation Internship

Location: Remote

Time of Year: Spring or Summer 2023

Hours: 15 hours a week for 20 weeks (300 hours)

Student Level: Graduate first or second year students

Required Discipline: Public Health, Social Work, Health Education, or Epidemiology

Desired Skills: Microsoft Office, Communication Skills (emails, writing, presenting), Qualitative Research Skills), Evaluation Experience, Survey Design

Preceptor Credentials: Master of Public Health (MPH)

Compensation: The WICWS has a goal of funding this internship at a minimum of \$20 per hour. At this time, we cannot guarantee funding but are actively pursuing funding sources.

Description:

This project requires one intern to support the development of an evaluation for two summer mini camps that will be hosted by the North Carolina Area Health Education Center (NC AHEC) in collaboration with the NC Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) program. In this role, an intern will need to learn about maternal health, health equity, the NC MHI program, the NC AHEC Scholars program, and design an evaluation survey for 2 summer conferences of 40-50 students each, collect the data and provide an analysis. The intern for this project will need to be comfortable with survey design and have a basic to intermediate knowledge of evaluation methods.

Health Equity:

This project centers equity by working with the NC AHEC Pathways program, a program that educates high school students from historically marginalized communities about health topics and health careers. The intern selected to work on this project will need to have an understanding of health equity and complete additional education about maternal health disparities.

Internship Objectives:

1. Design an evaluation plan for each conference that is accessible, meets reporting requirements, and has value for all involved parties.
2. Present evaluation results and recommendations for replication.
3. Increase knowledge about health equity and maternal health.
4. Work collaboratively with partners from different agencies to create a unified evaluation plan.

Internship Activities:

1. Complete trainings and educational activities to bolster health equity and maternal health knowledge.
2. Draft an evaluation plan, revise plan as needed with input, and finalize evaluation materials.
3. Implement evaluation during summer conferences, to include dissemination of evaluation method, collection, and analysis of data and provide recommendations to NC MHI and NC AHEC staff.
4. Attend all required meetings with partners and intern preceptors.

Social Media Toolkit Internship

Location: Remote

Time of Year: Any time during 2023

Hours: 10-15 hours a week for 10 weeks (100-150 hours); Flexible based on student availability

Student Level: Undergraduate or graduate level students

Required Discipline: Public Health, Social Work, Communication, Health Education, Marketing, or Public Relations

Desired Skills: Microsoft Office, Communications Skills (emails, writing, and presenting), Graphic Design Skills, Qualitative Research Skills

Preceptor Credentials: Master of Public Health (MPH) or Master of Social Work (MSW)

Compensation: The WICWS has a goal of funding this internship at a minimum of \$20 per hour. At this time, we cannot guarantee funding but are actively pursuing funding sources.

Description:

This project requests one intern to support the development of a social media toolkit for the 2022-2026 Perinatal Health Strategic Plan (PHSP). In this role, the intern would learn about the goals and strategies of the PHSP, research about components and structures of successful social media toolkits, along with the completion of the toolkit itself. This intern is expected to assist in the creation of supporting materials to accompany the toolkit, including but not limited to webinar presentations, newsletter, and press release content. This project aims to widely disseminate the PHSP both internally and externally to DHHS.

Health Equity:

The Perinatal Health Strategic Plan itself centers equity and it serves as a roadmap to improving the health and wellbeing of all people of reproductive age in North Carolina. The PHSP encompasses infant mortality, maternal mortality and morbidity, and reproductive health. This project seeks to create tools that can widely disseminate the PHSP to garner additional support and further collaboration to achieve the PHSP's goals.

Internship Objectives:

1. Completion of a social media toolkit for the 2022-2026 NC Perinatal Health Strategic Plan, which will be used by the Perinatal Health Equity Collective's Communications Workgroup
2. Completion of a "month by month" plan for structured dissemination of materials (related to health awareness activities, health holidays, etc.).
3. Completion of supporting materials (webinar, newsletter, and press release content) to be shared widely and regularly with external partners.

Internship Activities:

1. Research intuitive and successful social media kits for various awareness campaigns.
2. Using research, complete a social media toolkit for the 2022-2026 NC Perinatal Health Strategic Plan.
3. Research avenues to share and disseminate the PHSP more widely (internal and external to DHHS), including town halls, partner collaboration, and social media.
4. Provide supporting materials (webinar, newsletter, and press release content) to be shared widely and regularly with external partners.

Website Design Internship

Location: Remote

Time of Year: Any time during 2023

Hours: Up to 20 hours per week for 8 weeks (up to 160 hours)

Student Level: Undergraduate or graduate level student

Required Discipline: Public Health, Social Work, Communication, Health Education, or Journalism

Desired Skills: Communication Skills (emails, writing, and presenting), Facilitation (including workshops and trainings), Qualitative research skills

Preceptor Credentials: Master of Public Health (MPH)

Compensation: The WICWS has a goal of funding this internship at a minimum of \$20 per hour. At this time, we cannot guarantee funding but are actively pursuing funding sources.

Description:

This project requests one intern to support the development and design of a new layout for the Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section website, inclusive of the website homepage and embedded pages. This project does not require technical website design skills and there is no requirement to have a knowledge of website software, coding, or other IT skills. The student selected for this project will create recommendations on how to make the website more appealing, informative, and user friendly for partners, providers, and consumers through written briefs, meetings, infographics, and/or other visual aids. Recommendations for the website redesign should be informed by website design best practices, and by consumer input. This project will include eliciting feedback from website users on their opinions and suggestions for content and organization. The intern selected for this position will need to work across the Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section to collect feedback and brainstorm ideas with multiple staff members.

Health Equity:

The Section website is a critical resource in sharing information with partners, providers, and consumers on the health topics and work happening within our programs. This website resource needs to be accessible to everyone (variety of educational backgrounds, limited English, etc.) with clear and helpful information, as well as a clear understanding of where to seek additional information.

Internship Objectives:

1. Prioritize the needs of users by providing a simple, intuitive process of navigating and finding information on the Section website.
2. Gather insights to what users need, with a focus on the various levels of technical/language proficiencies.
3. Organize the Section website based on services or topics that users can relate with and easily understand.

Internship Activities:

1. Review different websites for insight on various organizational layouts, especially within public health across the United States.
2. Solicit input from a variety of partners, including section staff, local health department staff, and public consumers.
3. Develop at least one new layout plan for the Section website.

Expanding Access for Faith Based Communities Internship

Location: Remote (with an option for in-person meetings)

Time of Year: Spring, Summer, or Fall 2023

Hours: Up to 10 hours per week for up to 12 weeks (up to 120 hours)

Student Level: Senior undergraduate or graduate level student

Required Discipline: Public Health, Health Education, Nursing, or Social Work

Desired Skills: Microsoft Office, writing skills, attention to detail, familiarity with graphic design

Preceptor Credentials: Master of Public Health (MPH)

Compensation: The WICWS has a goal of funding this internship at a minimum of \$20 per hour. At this time, we cannot guarantee funding but are actively pursuing funding sources.

Description:

The purpose of this internship is to increase awareness of the work of Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section (WICWS) program services and opportunities to faith entities. The intern for this project will develop a collection of instructional activities/plans to comprise a toolkit that can be self-facilitated by members of faith entities to their congregants.

Health Equity:

This project will address equity by broadening the dissemination of health-related information within historically marginalized communities to ensure individuals are informed of available resources and programs to address issues impacting their women, infants, and communities.

Internship Objectives:

1. Work with WICWS staff to compile a list of high priority issues to increase awareness within the faith community. This list will be used to guide the materials developed for the toolkit.
2. Develop materials (print and/or online) and design promotional items for use by faith entities.
3. Create 3 – 5 lesson plans that can be self-facilitated by faith entity representatives.

Internship Activities:

1. Become familiar with WICWS programs by reviewing program descriptions for all Section programs.
2. Meet with key Women Auxiliary leaders in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
3. Collaborate with the DHHS Office of Communications and its Graphic Section to identify graphics and/or content, and layout of the toolkit that promote equity and inclusivity.