National Internship Program

Sample Federal Internships in Health Services

*Not a complete list of internship opportunities available

Desired Majors: Language Interpretation and Translation Spanish-English Emphasis, Medicine, Public Health
Posted by: US Dept. of Health & Human Services – National Institutes of Health
Native Spanish speaker with 100% English fluency. Formal bilingual education preferably with medical interpretation or translation training. Aptitude to work with diverse ethnicities, excellent communication and customer service skills. Interest in medicine, science or medical research career. Able to bridge cultural and linguistic gap between hospital staff and patients with Limited English Proficiency, Typing proficiency of 35 words per minute.

Desired Majors: Adult Development and Aging, Psychology- Clinical Psychology, Psychology-Counseling, Social Work
Posted by: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Benefit Administration
The Veterans Benefits Administration, specifically the Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment division, provides direct vocational counseling services to Veterans to include re-adjustment counseling and educational counseling. The program also administers benefits to allow Veterans to participate in training when service-connected disabilities impact their ability to return to work in which they previously performed. The intern would be making phone or email contact with Veterans to inquire about their vocational rehabilitation status. Documenting contacts with case notes and conducting fact-to-face meetings with Veterans about their program.

Desired Major: Health, Public Administration, Public Health (MPH, DPH), Public Policy, Statistics
Posted by: US Dept. of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
The intern will participate in analyses and scientific writing that can inform policy makers, prevention specialists, and the general public regarding substance use and mental health issues. The intern would show initiative in identifying research topics or potential collaborations. CBHSQ interns may participate in any number of areas, including: behavioral health surveillance and data collection, including population surveys and treatment services, behavioral health economics and finance research, community and behavioral health assessment evaluation, analysis, and quality work, including analysis and services research, evidence-based programs and practices.

Desired Majors: Epidemiology, Health Services Administration, Public Health, MPH
Posted by: US Dept. of Health & Human Services- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA’s mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America’s communities. The intern projects will include: working with a diverse group of grantees who serve ethnic minority communities with the highest HIV prevalence rates and populations in those communities who are at risk for or have a substance or co-occurring substance use and mental disorder. The intern would also support entry into fact sheets and reports; strategic plans and other team strategy planning documents.

Desired Majors: Public Health, Public Health (MPH, DPH)
Posted by: US Dept. of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Intern Projects: review and identification of evidence based programs, practices that indicate positive outcomes that can serve as resources that includes evidence for a focus of incorporating recovery oriented practices into provision of services and supports for people diagnosed with serious mental illnesses and/or substance abuse disorders.

Desired Majors: Health, Health Services Administration
Posted by: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs- Veterans Health Administration
Prepares briefs, memorandums for leadership, makes recommendations for process improvements, coordinate efforts and communicate pertinent information and resources to the VISNs, Medical Centers and Community Based Outpatient Clinics leadership. Participates in workgroups to improve, implement or initiate actions,
Sample Federal Internships, Continued

Desired Major: Health, Psychology- Clinical Psychology, Public Health (MPH, DPH), Public Policy
 Posted by: National Institutes of Health- National Institute on Drug Abuse

The National Institute on Drug Abuse is the lead Federal agency for research on drug abuse and addiction and conducts comprehensive programs to combat the illegal or nonmedical use and abuse of drugs. The National Institute on Drug Abuse established the Office of Diversity and Health Disparities (ODHD) Office 20 years ago to address diversity within the NIDA’s extramural research workforce. A key mission and goal for the organization is to: enhance the pool of underrepresented populations in the sciences; promote and support the number of underrepresented graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early stage investigators actively conducting basic science and/or translational biomedical research in NIDA’s research workforce; and strengthen the NIDA extramural research portfolio through a more diverse and vigorous research workforce, while attracting and retaining talented individuals from all populations in order to fulfill the mission of the NIH and NIDA.

Desired Majors: Health, Public Health, Health Services Administration, Pre-Medicine, Public Administration
 Posted by: Dept. of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health

This Elderly Health Practitioner (EHP) project provides an opportunity for an EHP to be mentored in the field of elderly health disparities. Major Duties: Review annotated bibliography for content information on elderly health disparities; Draft executive summary on health disparities among minority elders; Identify potential funders for research and sponsored programs on elderly health disparities; Identify Region IX legislators to begin collaborative education and networking efforts on elderly health disparities; Draft letter for potential funders; Draft letter for Region IX legislators; Send executive summary to potential funders; Send executive summary to Region IX legislators; Post executive summary on elderly health disparities on RHEC IX website, Facebook page, LinkedIn to share for the public good

Desired Majors: Education, Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Sports Medicine
 Posted by: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Health Administration

Duties: Assess current Education Programs and Improvement efforts through: Meetings with the Education Leadership for priorities; Meetings with Program Leaders and key project leaders; Assess and Capture current status of Education Programs & improvement work. Identify Educational gaps from assessment: Provide training/education/support; Update Educational Webpage for sharing information; Mapping Educational processes and improvement work; Coach and Mentor teams not yet working on improvement. Deploy New Educational Webpage/Teaching site: Design, Organize, Build Webpage; Migrate information from Shared Drive to site. Develop a system for individuals to request assistance with Educational Programs: Redesign website and its contents; Enhance tools and information available

Desired Majors: Clinical Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology
 Posted by: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Health Administration

Intern Duties: Participates in the execution of policies and procedures for scheduling of available guest rooms, check-ins, checkouts, orientation of guests upon arrival, monitoring guest conduct, conducting joint guest management inspections of rooms; participates in activities that ensure the facility is in compliance with health, safety, privacy, and sanitation rules and regulations; Assist in maintaining a schedule of available guestrooms to maximize the room utilization, monitoring admissions and discharges closely to ensure accurate and effective room utilization; Assist in proper and timely placement and processing of lodging guests using the CPRS and Microsoft Excel systems; Assist in contacting guest by phone or mail to provide lodging reminders, send notifications of missed lodging, assist in maintaining the reservation spreadsheet with accuracy including tracking and calling prospective guests the day before a requested stay; Assist the manager with assigning work to volunteers and students/trainees; Provide advice, guidance, and instruction to volunteers and evaluate work performance of volunteers and students/trainees.

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