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Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning
DSHS Internships

Internship Title: Occupational Health Surveillance Internship [focuses on Asbestosis and Silicosis surveillance]		Preceptor Name, Title: Fatema Rasul, Epidemiologist II	
Location (City/Region): In-Person: 1100 W. 49th St, Austin, TX 78756 or Virtual (Note: A hybrid option of both in-person and virtual is available for this internship)	Division, Program: EEDRS, ESTB (Environmental Surveillance and Toxicology Dept)	In Person: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently <input type="checkbox"/> Fully	
Brief Description			
<p>The Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Occupational Health Surveillance (OHS) program within the Environmental Surveillance and Toxicology Branch (ESTB) monitors occupational conditions among the workforce and conducts prevention education and outreach in the state of Texas. The purpose of this internship is to participate in public health surveillance activities for two reportable health conditions- Asbestosis and Silicosis in Texas.</p> <p>Learning objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a basic understanding of and participate in different aspects of OHS program and activities for Asbestosis and Silicosis surveillance and prevention.• Develop a basic understanding of government agency processes, policies, and legislative mandates that govern the work environment and effect program decision making.• Develop and enhance public health surveillance, data management and analysis, and epidemiologic case investigation and follow-up skills.			
Hours/Week: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 – 15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 - 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Variable	Preferred Academic Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference		

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Disciplines

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

Internship Details

Intern Activities

- Participate in all aspects of OHS program activities for Asbestosis and Silicosis surveillance and outreach, including but not limited to patient or physician follow-ups, data entry, data cleaning, data quality assurance and quality check.
- Assist program staff with review of medical records, medical chart abstraction, case follow-up and in-depth investigation activities, including phone interviews with providers and patients for collecting data on their work information and potential sources of work-related exposures to asbestos and/or crystalline silica.

Intern Deliverables

- Conduct follow-ups with reported Asbestosis/Silicosis cases, and relevant data entry, data cleaning and data quality assurance and quality check for assigned cases in a Microsoft Access database.

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.

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What will the intern produce or complete at the end of the internship?

Applicant Qualifications

Required	Skill
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <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 Master's degree
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.
Preferred	Skill
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other software applications Microsoft Access
	Academic Level Click or tap here to enter text.

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	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Verbal and written communication skills, survey or telephonic interview skills (may need to conduct follow-ups with patients and physicians).
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Application Instructions

Qualified and interested applicants must complete and submit the following items on the Survey Monkey [application](#):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey Monkey Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	

Contact Information for Inquiries

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