

# Texas Department of State Health Services

## **Internship Description**

Office of Practice and Learning DSHS Internships

| Internship Title: Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Epidemiology   |                      |   |            |  |  |  |
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| Internship Location:  Austin or Remote Options Available  |                      |   | Jenn       | Preceptor Name and Title: Jennifer Lee, Gretchen Rodriguez, Healthcare Safety Unit |  |  |
| Brief Description   |                      |   |            |  |  |  |
| Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs) and antibiotic resistance (AR) are internationally and nationally recognized by the scientific and medical communities as serious public health threats. The Healthcare Safety Unit works collaboratively with healthcare facilities, local health departments, public health laboratories and other stakeholders to respond to HAI and AR investigations via sharing of information, education and trainings. The internship will allow the student to (1) learn the epidemiology of HAI and AR; (2) recognize what infection prevention and control practices healthcare facilities should follow to contain the spread of HAI and AR; (3) understand how to manage and disseminate HAI and AR information to different stakeholders. |                      |   |            |  |  |  |
| Approximate Total<br>Weekly Hours:<br>Varies  | Paid:<br>□Yes<br>□No | DSHS Division: Infectious Disease Prevention Section (IDPS) |            | Program:<br>Healthcare Safety Unit   |  |  |
| Disciplines of Public Health  |                      |   |            |  |  |  |
| ⊠ Biostatistics/Data Analytics  |                      |   | iology     |  |  |  |
|   |                      | □ Progran   | n Planning | ☐ Health Administration  |  |  |
| ☐ Environmental Health  |                      | ⊠ Research  |            | □ Program Evaluation   |  |  |
| ☐ Policy Analysis and Development   |                      | ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.                   |            |  |  |  |
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# Internship Details Intern Activities

- Collect, manage, and evaluate HAI and AR data
- Report and disseminate HAI and AR data to different stakeholders
- Support healthcare outbreak investigations across the state, which could include assisting with case
  finding, gathering information, identifying risk factors for infection, developing control measures and
  following up with the healthcare facilities to ensure that control measures are working
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#### **Intern Deliverables**

- Oral power point presentation for program staff
- Abstract draft for potential submission to a peer-reviewed journal for publication or for potential submission for presentation at a public health conference
- Other deliverables as determined by intern's school/DSHS program

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   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|           | ⋈ Microsoft Office:                                     |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           |   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ⊠ Excel   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | □ PowerPoint  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ☐ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.) |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ☐ Tableau or similar applications                       |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ☐ Other software applications                           |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Academic Level  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Undergraduate or graduate student                       |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Any other skills required (soft or technical)           |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Preferred | Skill   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ⋈ Microsoft Office:                                     |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ⊠ Word  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ⊠ Excel   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           |   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           |   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ☐ Tableau or similar applications                       |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           |   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Qualtrics   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Academic Level  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Graduate student  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | Any other skills required                               | (soft or technical) |  |  |  |  |  |
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# **Application Instructions**

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

|  | □ Letter of Interest | ☐ Two letters of recommendation |
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|          |                  | Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks). |
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| ⊠ Resume | ☐ Writing Sample | ☐ Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.   |

# **Contact Information**

| Contact   | Name | and |
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