



Form 1: Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning
DSHS Internships

Internship/Practicum Title					
Public Health Nursing: DSHS Region 8				Preceptor Name and Title: Katherine Velasquez, PhD, RN/Community Health Improvement (CHI) Manager	
Brief Description Include purpose and goals					
<p>The purpose of this practicum is to build an appreciation for the variety of programs and roles of nurses in public health, to enhance the public health applicant pool, and to allow students an opportunity to apply concepts and skills learned in school.</p> <p>The practicum student will work with public health nurses in regional clinics to plan and deliver population based health services and health promotional programs around the topics of child safety and abuse prevention, immunizations, communicable disease, TB and HIV/STD testing and follow-up, and obesity prevention. The student will be given opportunities to observe other program areas offered through DSHS in Region 8, which may include epidemiology (e.g., Zoonosis, HIV/STD, TB, Rabies), children's Medicaid and special health care needs, oral health, sanitation, etc. For an overview, the potential candidate is encouraged to explore the Region's website (http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region8/default.shtm). Activities will be determined during development of the student work plan and will be designed to optimize opportunities for learning new skills or applying skills and concepts learned in course work.</p>					
Semester: Ongoing	Year: All	Length: 1 Semester	Total Weekly Hours: 20-40	Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Travel Required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
DSHS Division: Regional and Local Health Operations (RLHO)		Program: N/A	Region: 8		Internship Location: San Antonio/Virtual

Population Focus: Residents of Public Health Region 8

Functional Focus: Program development, planning, implementation and evaluation; Policy analysis and development; Screening and Assessment; Service Coordination

Dimensions of Public Health: Public Health Nursing; Communicable/Infectious diseases; Chronic diseases

DSHS Host Program Summary

Enter a brief narrative description of the mission, purpose and functions of the Host Program area within which the Internship is operated.

RLHO provides public health services in areas unserved by local jurisdictions and works with local health services as needed to provide public health services. Region 8 covers 28 counties—including Val Verde (Del Rio) and Maverick (Eagle Pass) on the western edge through Bexar (San Antonio) to Victoria and Calhoun on the eastern edge. The practicum will be located in San Antonio; however, travel to field offices within region 8 may be included.

Internship Details

Learning Objectives (minimum of 3)

What do you expect the student to learn upon completion of a successful internship?

- Demonstrate knowledge of basic public health nursing and health services practices.
- Describe the complexity of the problems and concerns involved in public health nursing, and in the public health and health services arenas.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the relationships among public health organizations, other health service organizations, and other governmental entities.
- Apply a variety of concepts, principles, and theories from the humanities, behavioral, public health, and nursing sciences for the assessment, analysis, development, and evaluation of programs and policies for public health/population health management.

Intern Activities

What will the intern do during their internship? Use verbs to describe activities.

Intern will spend time at the engaged in activities related to the course objectives and competencies.

May include:

- Collect and analyze data
- Conduct site or community-based assessments
- Conduct literature reviews
- Organize and perform program evaluations
- Provide health education and community outreach
- Provide basic public health services (nursing services if licensed)
- Conduct workplace health and safety assessments/programs
- Participate in discussion & provide input related to best practices & health policy
- Participate in and/or complete short-term projects or other work assignments.
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Intern Deliverables (at least one)

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

Demonstrated progress towards meeting the course objectives at the end of each term of practicum. Products will be determined during development of the work plan and will likely include:

- A Personal Experience Journal. The journal will record thoughts and reactions, tasks completed, concepts and skills learned/applied, meetings/events attended, contact list of organizations, entities, and persons with whom the student had contact. College documentation may be substituted.
- 1 or more community health promotion projects

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Relevant Statutes or Policies

What statutes, laws, regulations, or policies are at the basis of the internship?

N/A

Applicant Qualifications

Required	Skill (check all that apply)	Proficiency (check one for each app.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other software applications:	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
	Academic level and/or degree or field/discipline Senior year of undergraduate program or higher education in pursuit of a nursing degree or certificate/licensure in a nursing field	
Other required qualifications (list below) At least one or all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course work in health promotion and health education, or • Course work in health behavior change theories, or • Course work in program planning and evaluation in health 		
Preferred	Skill (check all that apply)	Proficiency (check one for each app.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Basic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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	Academic level, degree and/or field Senior year of undergraduate program or higher	

	Other preferred qualifications (list below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing degree or diploma • Course work in epidemiology, health policy and management, or other public health area • Statistics and evaluation coursework • Work or academic projects/labs related to one or more services offered through RLHO Region 8 (see website for more information http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region8/default.shtm)
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation Instructions: 1 letter from current or former supervisor if applicable and/or 1 or both letters from faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Proof of license or enrollment in a nursing program

Contact Information

Contact Name and Information	Craig Gilden Title: Education Coordinator Email: internships@dshs.texas.gov
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