



Internship Title:

Maternal Child Health Internship – Perinatal policies and practice

Internship Location:

Remote with ability to work in person at regional office (5425 Polk Street, Houston, Texas 77023)

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Preceptor Name and Title:

Romyssa Hashim, MPH

Program Specialist II

Community Health Services

Brief Description

The purpose of this practicum is to provide students with the opportunity to apply public health knowledge to inform maternal child health practice in the community. Data collected would serve as a baseline for promoting optimal health and healthy development across the lifespan in the region. Learning objectives include (1) explore Title V maternal child health performance measures for perinatal specific guidance, (2) analyze Texas legal and regulatory and institutional policies intended to protect infant health and inform public health practice, (3) gain experience researching and reviewing health policies, plans and statutes.

Approximate Total Weekly Hours:
15-30

Paid:

☐ Yes

☒ No

DSHS Division:

RLHO PHR 6/5 South

Program:

Community Health Service

Disciplines of Public Health

☐ Biostatistics/Data Analytics

☐ Epidemiology

☐ Health Promotion

☐ Health Communication

☐ Program Planning

☒ Health Administration

☐ Environmental Health

☒ Research

☐ Program Evaluation

☒ Policy Analysis and Development

☐ Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Internship Details

Intern Activities

Review perinatal health policies to understand and analyze what infant-serving institutions are doing to promote perinatal health.

- Identify at least one perinatal Title V measure focus area for policy analysis (e.g., safe sleep, etc.)
- Conduct an environmental scan of perinatal health policies in the US
- Review current Texas legislature informing perinatal care and best practices
- Describe health policy processes and structures
- Compare perinatal policies in Texas

Intern Deliverables

- Summary of intern activities can include:

- Environmental scan for opportunities and trends that may impact the current and future perinatal care strategies
- Perinatal /MCH-related updates from the 88th Legislative Session with recommendations for public health practice and potential MCH outcomes
- Perinatal policy analysis

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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 Undergraduate or master's Level
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Tableau or similar applications
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other software applications Click or tap here to enter text.
	Academic Level Student pursuing a graduate degree in Health Administration, Public Health
	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.

Application Instructions

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation
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		Instructions: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
<input type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Sample	<input type="checkbox"/> Other documents: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Information

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