



Internship Description

Office of Practice and Learning

DSHS Internships

Please complete the below template, using comments as guidance.

Internship Title:		Division, Program:	
Healthcare Safety Data Intern		OCSE, DSE, Healthcare Safety Unit	
Location (City/Region) Austin/Virtual		Preceptor Name, Title:	
Street address 1100 W 49th St.		Name and title 1 Debola Ola, MD, MPH, Dr.PH,CIC	
City, TX Austin, TX		Name and title 2 Angie Benedetto, MPH, CIC	
This role can be either virtual or hybrid.		Name and title 3	
Hours/Week:		Preferred Academic Level:	
☐ 5 - 10 ☐ 10 - 15 ☒ 15 - 20 ☒ Variable		☐ Undergraduate ☒ Masters ☐ No Preference	
		In Person:	
		☒ None ☐ Occasionally ☐ Frequently ☐ Fully	
Brief description:			
Healthcare-associated Infections (HAIs) and Preventable Adverse Events (PAEs) are of great public health concern in the United States. The Healthcare Safety Unit (HSU) works with healthcare facilities, local health departments, public health laboratories and other stakeholders to respond to HAI investigations and surveillance via sharing of information, education, and audits. The internship will allow the student to (1) Learn to gather, manage, and validate data; and (2) Analyze and interpret data from assigned database as it relates to HAIs, PAEs, and/or Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR).			

Disciplines

☒ Research/Data Analytics	☒ Epidemiology	☐ Health Promotion
☐ Communication/Marketing	☐ Program Evaluation	☐ Health Administration
☐ Environmental Health	☒ Biostatistics	☐ Other
☐ Policy Analysis and Development	☐ Other: Professional development quality management	

Internship Details

Intern Activities

1. Compile, manage and perform quality assurance activities on HAI and/or ICAR data
2. Analyze ICAR data to identify infection gaps to address in future education efforts
3. Report and disseminate HAI and/or ICAR data findings to different stakeholders
4. Process, validate, and maintain statewide contaminated sharps injury surveillance data

Intern Deliveries

1. HAI/sharps data collection and management
2. HAI and/or ICAR data analysis, with visualizations
3. Oral PowerPoint presentation summarizing internship activities
4. Deliverables may vary based on school requirements

Applicant Qualifications

Required Skills

Skill	
☒ Microsoft Office	
☒ Word	
☒ Excel	
☒ PowerPoint	
☒ Statistical Analysis applications (SPSS, STATA, etc.)	
☒ Tableau or similar applications	
☐ Other software applications	
☒ Academic Level:	
☐ No requirement	
☐ Any other skills required (soft or technical)	
Data analysis, data management, attention to detail, critical thinking, problem solving	

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☒	Other software applications
	SAS, PowerBI
☒	Academic Level:
	Graduate
☐	No requirement
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Application Instructions

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

- ☒ Survey Monkey Application
- ☒ Letter of Interest
- ☒ Resume
- ☐ Writing Sample
- ☐ Other documents

Contact Information for Inquiries

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