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Internship Title: Maternal Influenza Vaccination Outreach Intern			
Internship Location: (Please also indicate if the internship is offered In-Person only, Virtual only, or either In-Person or Virtual) 601 W. Sesame Dr., Harlingen TX 78526 (This internship opportunity is offered in-person only.)		Preceptor Name and Title: Mauro Ruiz, Communicable Disease Manager	
Brief Description Include minimum of 3 learning objectives			
This internship opportunity is designed for an undergraduate student in public health or related field to develop a targeted educational tool (digital or print) that addresses common barriers to influenza vaccination among pregnant women, such as concerns about vaccine safety, lack of information, or low perceived risk. The learning objectives include: 1. Develop and tailor culturally competent educational materials about the maternal flu vaccine, aiming to increase health literacy and address vaccine hesitancy among pregnant individuals from diverse demographics. 2. Assist in building and maintaining partnerships with local OB/GYN clinics, community centers, and maternal health advocates to expand the reach of vaccination drives and educational campaigns. 3. Collect and analyze outreach participation metrics and pre/post-intervention survey data to evaluate the effectiveness of the vaccination awareness strategies implemented during the internship.			
Approximate Total Weekly Hours: 10-20 hours per week	Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	DSHS Division: Regional & Local Health Operations (RLHO)	Program: Public Health Region 11, Communicable Disease

Disciplines of Public Health (Check all that apply)

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

Internship Details

Intern Activities What will the intern do during their internship? Use verbs to describe activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature Review: Conduct a brief review of current literature on pregnant women's knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding the influenza vaccine.

- **Tool Development:** Design a patient-focused tool (e.g., a one-page infographic pamphlet, a 2-minute whiteboard video, or a series of social media posts) that communicates the benefits of the flu shot for both mother and infant.
- **Addressing Hesitancy:** Develop messaging that addresses specific safety concerns, such as the misconception that the vaccine causes miscarriage or impacts the baby.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Present the draft tool to 3–5 public health professionals or OB/GYN nurses for feedback and refine the material.

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Intern Deliverables (at least one)

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

- **Final Tool: A completed, approved educational pamphlet or digital graphic.**
- **Summary Report: A 2-page summary explaining the target audience, the key message, and how it addresses vaccine hesitancy.**

Applicant Qualifications

Please check the box for each skill that you would require or prefer the candidate to have. Please add skills not listed under 'any other skills required/preferred'

Required	Skill (check all that apply)
	<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 student in public health or related field.
Any other skills required (soft or technical) Click or tap here to enter text.	
Preferred	Skill (check all that apply)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Excel <input 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 Graphic design software
	Academic Level Click or tap here to enter text.

	Any other skills required (soft or technical) Detail oriented.
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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: Letters from current or former supervisor or faculty members (in lieu of reference checks).
<input checked="" 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: Shannon Sullivan Credentials: MSSW, MPH, RD, LD Title: Residency and Internship Coordinator Email: internships@dshs.texas.gov
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