

IDPH Internship Project Description

Organization Information

Name of Organization: Iowa Dept. of Public Health
Type of Organization: State Public Health Dept.
Street Address: 321 E. 12th Street
City, State, Zip Code: Des Moines, IA 50319
County: Polk

Preceptor Contact Information

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Project Title: Iowa e-Health Project (Various Internship Opportunities)

Brief Description of Project(s) Available:

The Iowa e-Health Project is a collaborative effort to plan and promote the adoption and use of health information technology (health IT) in Iowa. A component of the 2008 Iowa Health Care Reform bill [2008 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1188 (House File 2539)] and a priority of the current presidential administration [2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Act)], health IT is an opportunity to improve collection of patient information through electronic health records (EHR) and facilitate data sharing through a statewide health information exchange (HIE).

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/electronic_health_info.asp

Due to the scope of project activities, there are a variety of internship opportunities available. For example:

- *Planning:* Collaborate with the IDPH e-Health Team to research strategies to expand Iowa's current statewide plan to meet the criteria for a compliant state strategic and operational plan, as outlined by the Office of the National Coordinator for health IT.
- *Continuity of Care Document:* Collaborate with the IDPH e-Health team and e-Health Continuity of Care Document/Interoperable EHR workgroup to develop a continuity of care document toolkit.
- *Infrastructure Requirements:* Collaborate with the IDPH e-Health team and e-Health Infrastructure and Networks workgroup to develop requirements for a request for proposal for the statewide HIE infrastructure.
- *Communications:* Collaborate with the IDPH e-Health Team, e-Health communications subcommittee, and e-Health Provider Adoption of EHRs to research, design, and prepare consumer and provider case studies for health IT.
- *Workforce and Education:* Collaborate with IDPH e-Health Team and e-Health Health IT Workforce and Education workgroup to analyze core competencies of health IT professionals and assess opportunities to expand current training and educational programs.
- *Privacy and Security:* Collaborate with IDPH e-Health Team and e-Health Privacy and Security workgroup to conduct research on privacy and security policies and procedures to enable the secure exchange of health information.
- *Assessment:* Collaborate with IDPH e-Health Team and assessment subcommittee to develop questions and identify sampling frames for various provider types throughout the state.

Responsibilities (project objectives):

To be determined based on student interests and current project needs. Please describe areas of interest within a cover letter.

Specify any skills needed/required for this project:

- Studies or experience in health care, information technology, communications, workforce and/or research methods
- Experience and interest in planning and conducting research
- Strong written communication skills and attention to detail

Internship Start Date: Flexible (month) Flexible (year)

Internship End Date: Flexible (month) Flexible (year)

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Project identified for an:

Undergraduate student (*Seniors Only*)

Graduate student

Materials Student Must Submit to Preceptor at IDPH

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| Cover Letter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Resume | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Writing Sample | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| IDOP Application Required, if paid | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (submit with required letter to DAS/HRE) |
| IDPH Application completed and on file: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No (submit to Internship Coordinator at IDPH) |

Interview Information (IDPH preceptor decision)

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| Advance Interview Questions | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Essay to Submit Prior to Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Phone Interview | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Interview at IDPH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Flexible for students outside the Des Moines area</i> |

Term(s) of experience

Average hours/week desired: Flexible based on student interest

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| Compensation: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Salary: \$ |
| Benefits: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Mileage Reimbursement: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | For purposes of: |
| On-site: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Off-site: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Computer provided: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <i>Depending on Availability</i> |