





Summer 2012 FUNDED Internship Opportunities
University of Iowa
College of Public Health Students

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Students may apply for multiple positions and must submit resumes and cover letters for all.

Organization/Location	Position Description	Details
<p>American Cancer Society, Des Moines</p> 	<p>The Iowa Health Equity Department needs an intern to develop a forum for community health workers to exchange information, build capacity and share resources on a statewide level. This project will place emphasis on the following activities: Utilize the Community Health Worker assessment data to identify strategies for establishing a Community Health Worker network. Identify gaps in existing list of community health workers and key stakeholders. Develop a Community Health Worker newsletter for ongoing communication and recruitment of key stakeholders and collaborative partners. Will include the opportunity to participate in an upcoming Community Health Worker webinar series.</p>	<p>May-August 2012. Telecommuting possible. Travel expenses directly associated with scope of work are reimbursable.</p>
<p>American Cancer Society, Des Moines</p> 	<p>The Iowa Health Equity Department needs an intern to establish a core group of culturally diverse volunteers. Given evidence of the unequal cancer burden and population demographics in Iowa, particular emphasis would be placed on identifying culturally diverse volunteers from the African American and Hispanic/Latino communities. This project will place emphasis on the following activities: Identify and recruit stakeholders and collaborative partners. Identify and engage in community events for recruitment of culturally diverse volunteers. Develop a system for ongoing identification of training needs, community outreach and education resources and identify gaps in culturally appropriate materials.</p>	<p>May-August 2012. Telecommuting possible. Travel expenses directly associated with scope of work are reimbursable.</p>

Cedar County Public Health, Tipton	Intern needed to take lead role in development of a wellness program that focuses on nutrition, physical activity and obesity. The wellness program will be implemented countywide and encompass both the youth and adult populations of Cedar County. Since this program is new, the student may assume creative freedom when developing the program and is encouraged to think "outside the box". The wellness program should serve as a foundation for Cedar County that can grow and expand over time. Most importantly, the program should be sustainable and align with the goals set forth by Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative.	Summer 2012. Flexible schedule. Most work onsite with some telecommuting possible.
Community Health Care, Inc, Davenport	Development of a data management plan. Our organization uses data to make many decisions and communicate success with various projects. Currently the data is cumbersome to use and report to staff succinctly. The data management program would consist of a communication plan to providers, staff and patients.	Summer 2012. Telecommuting possible.
Community Health Care, Inc, Davenport	Development of a compliance program for our electronic health records. Our organization will be fully electronic by March 2012. After initial implementation we need develop a mechanism to insure compliance and proper use of the system. Key program components will include: development of a set of audit criteria, development of a set of useful reports, development of standard orientation process for new staff, development of a standard report detailing individual compliance with required documentation.	Summer 2012. Telecommuting possible.
Community Health Care, Inc, Davenport	Development of a patient safety program. It is estimated that patients visit ambulatory care centers 30 times more than a hospital. The potential for error is great. Building a patient safety program is a proactive way of reducing potential harm to our patients, providers and the organization. The program will include the development of a patient safety strategic plan, committee structure and annual risk analysis.	Summer 2012. Telecommuting possible.
Community Health Center of Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge	Intern needed to function as a health educator. Goals would be to develop 1) a health education program which can assist providers in managing patient's chronic illnesses and using qualitative and quantitative indicators to demonstrate a positive impact of the program 2) Working with the Quality Improvement Committee in working towards Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition 3) Developing a health education program for the dental clinic to decrease the amount of dental carries among children and adults. 4) Creating educational programs for patients and the community such as a variety of workshops on improving the overall health of the clinic (i.e. teaching people how to grocery shop when they perhaps can't afford much, teaching heart healthy meals for those on a budget), the staff and working on planning our community garden. Working with the Outreach Coordinator on this aspect.	Dates negotiable. Full time preferred, but hours negotiable as well. All work must be completed onsite.

Crescent Community Health Center, Dubuque	Intern needed to develop educational material, health literacy pamphlets, etc. for patients of low SES, some marketing for CCHC.	May 2012 to completion. Telecommuting possible.
Iowa Counties Public Health, (IPHA), Iowa City	Intern needed to assist with any or all of the following three projects is desired. Policy: Conduct policy research on vital and relevant public health issues facing the Iowa Counties Public Health Association (ICPHA) and Iowa local health departments (LHDs). Assist in drafting white papers, policy position statements, and other related materials for ICPHA or its members. Membership Growth/Development: Conduct on-line survey instrument and conduct with Iowa's LHDs (topics of survey include workforce development needs, membership benefits desired and organizational growth strategies, and critical sustainability needs); work with membership committee members to devise and deploy marketing strategy to increase membership by LHDs to ICPHA (and the National Association of City and County Health Departments) and to enhance engagement levels among existing members. County Health Rankings: Create and distribute media packets for LHDs to share with relevant media sources in their communities; work with county health administrators from LHDs in counties ranking in bottom third for health outcomes and factors to develop strategic plan and community health improvement plan for community-wide health improvements.	May 14 – July 27, 2012. Flexible schedule. Telecommuting possible.
Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA), Des Moines	The Iowa PCA conducts a bi-annual compensation and benefits survey of its Iowa health center members. An intern is needed to develop the 2012 survey and compile the results. The intern may work from Des Moines at the PCA office or remotely if preferred, with an occasional meeting on-site with PCA staff. The intern will also have the opportunity to participate in other PCA related work including workforce and recruitment activities.	Dates negotiable. Telecommuting possible.
Iowa Public Health Association, Des Moines	Intern needed to work on multiple projects within the three components of our mission: Advocacy Work with the IPHA Advocacy Committee to plan and coordinate the Public Health Action (PHACT) Campaign including: Schedule visits with Iowa's Congressional delegation, Develop visit packet materials based on APHA input and IPHA priorities, Create and submit letters to the editor and opinion editorials, Submit article on PHACT campaign for Public Health Matters Membership Services Work with the IPHA Membership Committee to: Implement a membership mapping project, Conduct survey of public health professionals in counties with no IPHA members to assess their needs and interests, Support committee outreach to potential members Partnerships Work with IPHA Executive Director to develop a speakers' bureau on public health issues	Dates and hours negotiable. Telecommuting possible. Work samples will be requested of applicant (related to project tasks and/or writing abilities)

Johnson County Public Health, Iowa City	Intern needed to utilize principles of emergency response structure and function to review and create emergency preparedness documents to meet emergency preparedness grant goals and objectives under the direction of the Deputy Director.	Available IMMEDIATELY or Summer 2012. Telecommuting possible.
Linn County Public Health, Cedar Rapids	Intern needed to examine, develop, disperse and evaluate new and existing health education materials for low-income populations related to: sexually transmitted diseases, bed bugs, healthy eating.	Summer 2012. Ends when 200 hours are met. Outreach work must be done in the field. Some material development can be off-site.
Linn County Public Health, Cedar Rapids	Intern needed to expand our health promotion materials. Intern will be asked to develop educational media, such as You Tube videos, to promote the agency's activities and public health mission. Will also assist with the social marketing committee, community outreach, and supporting the needs of some coalitions that are coordinated by the health department. In addition to enhancing the agency's outreach materials, the intern will also assist with the "Don't Start with Me" anti-tobacco media campaign.	Dates & hours negotiable. Telecommuting possible.
Linn County Public Health, Cedar Rapids	Implementation of a new patient management system and electronic health records software for the clinic services branch. Assist project director with initial project implementation planning. Assist front office staff, key end-users with training/learning needs for new patient management system (scheduling, demographics profiles, billing) , assist with developing the implementation plan- including identification of hardware needs that facilitate efficiencies at the point-of-service.	Summer 2012. 20+ hours per week. Telecommuting possible.
Marshall County Public Health/MMSC Home Care Plus, Marshalltown	Intern needed to develop and organize preparedness policies/procedures. Incorporate Public Health Preparedness Capabilities: National Standards for State and Local Planning into existing plans. Compile, organize, and standardize plans for logical access. Also assist in pursuing immunization billing to various insurance companies through IDPH Local Public Health Billing Tool.	Dates negotiable. 16 flexible hours per week. Telecommuting possible.
Monona County Public Health, Onawa	Intern needed to assist with plans to empower partners from throughout the community to play a role in collaboratively addressing Monona County's health priorities. Will assist with developing or managing various work plans and communication tools in an integrated fashion.	July-August, 2012. Telecommuting possible.
Polk County Public Health, Des Moines	Intern needed to assist with development of a "Community Health Plan for Polk County". There may be some additional data to be collected, interviews to be conducted and pictures to be taken for the final document. Once the new document is developed we'd like to develop a presentation that draws on the new document and can be delivered to community audiences.	July 1-September 15, 2012. 20-25 hours per week. Telecommuting possible.

Primary Health Care, Inc, Des Moines	Intern needed to organize our accreditation process by 1) compiling our documentation as an organization and at our four medical clinics and 2) developing a plan to meaningfully fill in the gaps for elements of Medical Home that need development.	May – August 2012. Flexible schedule. All work must be onsite.
Regional Medical Center, Manchester	Intern needed to develop and implement a process, to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment, for a critical access hospital with a service area of approximately 26,000. Individual would work with Regional Medical Center administration staff and collaborate with local public health	Summer 2012. 16-17 hours/week. Telecommuting possible. Mileage paid for 6 trips, food while on site and 2 hotel stays provided.
State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL), Iowa City	SHL maintains a Performance Excellence Consultant to provide oversight on strategic planning & deployment with process improvement initiatives. The Intern will provide assistance to the Consultant to develop new or improve existing tools as part of a knowledge management system. This is an opportunity for the Intern to gain experience and develop an understanding of strategic workforce initiatives within a Lean culture of a public health laboratory. Examples include: New employee on-boarding, Career development, Communities of Practice, Tacit Knowledge	Summer 2012. Hours TBD with student input. All work must be done onsite.
State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL), Iowa City 	Intern needed to work on pertussis research study. Will analyze IDPH pertussis data and specimens that have been submitted to SHL for diagnostic testing. Will determine proportion of laboratory positive pertussis cases that are investigated by public health agencies that do not meet the case definition for pertussis as defined by the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and the CDC and the impact to public health of undercounting cases. Will determine if there are epidemiologic and/or clinical features of patients who have an equivocal test result for B. pertussis that do not need follow-up by public health personnel. Finally will prepare guidance for public health officials. There is also the potential for a peer reviewed publication.	Summer 2012. 20-40 hrs/week. All work must be done onsite. Experience interpreting PCR results and ability to follow CLIA reg's required.
Washington County Public Health, Washington	Washington County Public Health has completed their 5 Year Health Improvement Plan in 2010 and has developed 2 task forces to carry out the objectives identified. The Obesity Prevention Task Force is currently developing four community initiatives, including: 1.) Workplace Wellness 2.) School-led Gardens 3.) VERB Summer Scorecard and 4.) Safe Routes to School. This internship will assist Public Health staff with implementation, coordination, and evaluation of at least one of the community initiatives.	Start in late May, with dates to be determined. Most work is on-site with some telecommuting possible.