

Local Public Health Policy & Practice Scholars



PROGRAM LOGISTICS

The Policy & Practice Scholars Program is designed as a guided, academic, practice-based opportunity for graduate-level students in the following disciplines: public health, pharmacy, environmental studies, public policy, law, or a related field. The ideal student should have experience in research, writing, and policy analysis. While each student opportunity will be tailored to meet the needs of the individual and their university, in general, scholars will be expected to:

- Complete a minimum of 100 hours of public health policy and practice experience with specific assigned tasks while receiving academic credit
- Receive constructive feedback from an assigned preceptor with subject matter expertise
- Attend a minimum of two half-day events at the NACCHO office in Washington, DC for a program orientation and program conclusion
- Work independently and have capability to complete many assignments remotely

ABOUT NACCHO

NACCHO's members are the 2,800 local health departments across the United States. Our mission is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease, and improve the quality and length of all lives.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) offers graduate-level students a structured, academic experience and the opportunity to work on policy and practice issues impacting public health at the local level. Students will approach these issues with an understanding of the great diversity among the 2,800 local health departments that make up NACCHO's membership. Selected students will choose their preferred focus areas based on their interests and skillsets. Focus areas range from public health preparedness to environmental health to public health law. Scholars will assist with project deliverables in their specific focus area.

POLICY & PRACTICE SCHOLARS WILL:

- Learn how local public health fits into the broader, complex U.S. public health system
- Gain subject matter expertise in a specific area of interest
- Refine writing, research, and policy analysis skills
- Expand their network of public health professionals with NACCHO staff in Washington, DC and NACCHO's membership across the country

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications to the 2014 class of policy and practice scholars will be accepted on a rolling basis through **September 29, 2014**. Students are encouraged to apply early. Master in Public Health and other graduate students in related fields looking to complete their practicum or internship requirement are encouraged to apply. Up to eight students, one student per focus area, will be selected to participate.

Interested students may apply here:

http://naccho.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dp8sAeUaRhVwlwl

Additional questions about the application process may be directed to studentprograms@naccho.org.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY & PRACTICE SCHOLARS: POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND FOCUS AREAS FOR FALL 2014

Scholars may contribute to various NACCHO project deliverables, many of which likely will be used by local health departments across the country. Deliverables may include development, revision, or contribution to:

- Policy statements
- Issue briefs
- Fact sheets
- Research briefs
- Presentation materials
- Stories from the Field at www.naccho.org

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FOCUS AREAS:

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

focuses on developing strategies that strengthen preparedness program assessment, planning, and implementation related to local health department community preparedness and recovery. A specific area of interest includes exploration of community resilience planning.

HEALTHCARE COALITIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

focuses on strategies to implement and sustain healthcare coalitions at the local level. Specific areas of interest include exploration of local health department involvement in development and sustainability of healthcare coalitions.

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) is a national network of local groups of medical and non-medical volunteers committed to improving the health, safety, and resiliency of their communities. Specific areas of interest include increased engagement with hospitals and healthcare coalitions, as well as capability expansion of local MRC units to support community-based public health, preparedness, and response initiatives.

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW focuses on the intersection of legal practice and promotion of population health. Specific areas of interest include legal aspects of e-cigarettes, vaccines, other medical countermeasures, and environmental health.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS AND PHARMACY PARTNERSHIPS

focuses on innovative strategies to prepare for and respond to severe pandemic outbreaks. Specific topic areas may include exploration of mobile technology, partnership with independent pharmacies, and management of antiviral medication.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECURITY focuses on mitigating impact of environmental events on the public and the built environment. Specific areas may include exploration of the health impacts of climate change and the role of critical infrastructure in public health.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE focuses on strategies to improve response to existing and emerging environmental health issues. Specific areas may include implementation of collaborative community-based environmental health assessments, supporting environmental health practice and policy, and sharing tools and resources to improve and strengthen capacity at local health departments.

RISK COMMUNICATION focuses on developing strategies for improving public health communication during disasters and emergencies. Specific areas may be pandemic, communication, strategic communication planning and research, and exploring the role of public health communicators at local health departments.

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