Wisconsin AHEC
Community Health Internship Program Sites, Summer 2010

General Information
This unique program links undergraduate and graduate student interns with local health departments throughout the state to address a variety of public health issues. Projects vary widely to suit interns' interests and abilities. Health department mentors provide technical support and assistance and facilitate shadowing opportunities to help interns gain an understanding and appreciation of the broad range of public health activities undertaken at the local level.

Students selected for the program are usually undergraduate students in the junior or senior year, or first year health professions, MPH or other graduate students with a strong interest in public health. The program is offered at county health department sites and other locations statewide. Students receive a stipend ($2400 for 8 weeks) and housing assistance if needed. A similar 6-week program is offered in Milwaukee.

Interns indicate their preferences from a list of proposed projects. We do our best to match students with their project interest and location preference. Previous interns have engaged in:

• Chronic Disease Prevention (e.g., implementation of a community physical activity promotion campaign)
• Environmental Health Research (e.g., sampling and analysis of beaches, pools and wells)
• Local Policy Development (e.g., to inform how vital public health roles are governed and carried out)
• Health Education (e.g., planning and curriculum development of training for day care providers)
• Improving Access to Healthcare Services (development of a free clinic)
• Photovoice projects (e.g., using photography to enable members of underserved communities to provide their perspective in the community health assessment process)

The full application requires:
1) completion of the online application
2) two letters of recommendation
3) a complete set of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

The application deadline is Friday, March 12, 2010.

For complete program information and application, see http://wisc-ahec.typepad.com/chip/

Sites available as of February 10, 2010 are listed on the following pages.
### Statewide AHEC CHIP locations

**Confirmed Sites**
- Bayfield County
- Buffalo County
- Calumet County
- Chippewa County
- Dane County/City of Madison #1
- Grant County
- Jefferson County/City of Watertown #1
- Jefferson County/City of Watertown #2
- Lincoln County
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- Ozaukee County
- Pepin County
- Pierce County
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- Rusk County
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- Sheboygan County
- Taylor County
- Waushara County

### Dental Public Health in Rural Wisconsin
- Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center, Cashton (Monroe County)
- Northern Wisconsin (in development)

### Wisconsin Division of Public Health
- Madison

### UW-Oshkosh Environmental Health Intern Program
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**Internship Summary:**
Every five years, Wisconsin Local Health Departments conduct a statutory, required community health needs assessment in order to establish local health priorities. Bayfield County will be completing its comprehensive community health needs assessment in 2010. The 2010 intern will explore, identify and organize current data sets that correspond to community health indicators, cross referencing the new state health plan, and gather community input through surveys, focus groups or individual interviews with key informants. This will lead to a community-supported health improvement plan. The plan will guide the activities of the Health Department and its partners in an effort to improve the health of individuals, families and community. The intern will have the opportunity to take a leadership role in the development of Community Health Improvement plan and work as a team member with other health department personnel and community health agencies.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Student should be computer savvy (required), enjoy working with people and data (required), and have experience in Internet searching for data reports. This would be a great opportunity for an intern who is excited about public health and wants to spend the summer exploring all the outdoor activities that Northern Wisconsin has to offer.

**Important Considerations:**
A county car is provided for work related travel if one is available. Some evening and weekend activities may be necessary.

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**Internship Summary:**
Buffalo County Public Health is preparing its community health needs assessment. We are currently pulling data and will be conducting a survey in the community. By this summer, we intend to have identified 3-5 health focus areas that these data support as priorities in our county. We will then be forming and conducting focus groups to get at strategies and outcomes for our 5-year community health improvement plan. The intern will be able to assist us in leading and facilitating these focus groups. In addition, we are currently working with the Cochrane-Fountain City public school to determine the feasibility of a garden on school grounds. Until we can get a grant to plant a vegetable garden, we plan to be mobilizing personnel and supplies from the community to plant a prairie grass garden. The intern will organize these resources so that the site can be prepped over the summer. The intern for Buffalo County Public Health will have the opportunity to work with excellent staff, learn about a rural health department, and mobilize people for the overall betterment of health in our county.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Applicants for this internship should be self-motivated, organized, and skilled at communicating with others. This would be an exciting opportunity for someone who wishes to expand their leadership capabilities in small group settings. An interest in gardening is encouraged, but not required.

**Important Considerations:**
Some early morning or evening meetings may be necessary.
### Calumet County
**Calumet Medical Center**  
**Chilton, Wisconsin**

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**Internship Summary:**
Calumet Medical Center works with multiple community partners on a wide variety of health and wellness programming throughout the summer. An intern will gain valuable experience in health promotion programming through his/her participation with the following projects: (1) The Heart Truth®/Waupaca & Calumet project aims to increase community understanding of women’s heart disease risks. The intern will assist in educational outreach in our awareness campaign by attending and teaching at community events such as community picnics. (2) Progressive Agriculture Safety Day - the intern will assist with planning, implementation, and evaluation of an annual youth safety program that focuses on rural living and agricultural safety. (3) Wellness by the Water program - intern will work with recreation director to assist in design, implementation, and evaluation of a new wellness (physical activity and nutrition) program to be offered at a local community aquatic center during the summer. (4) U-CAN Coalition - intern will work with an established coalition that aims to decrease obesity rates by focusing on nutrition and physical activity. Intern may be called upon to do educational presentations and/or represent the coalition at community events.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Computer Skills required: Word, Excel and email (Outlook). Basic graphic design skills are a plus. Excellent writing and public speaking skills are a must. The ideal candidate will be friendly, organized, motivated, and willing to learn. Experience with teaching and/or working with youth is a plus.

**Important Considerations:**
Access to a personal vehicle for work-related travel. Occasional evening and weekend work. Prefer that the candidate live in the region served (rural Calumet County), but no. Fond du Lac and Sheboygan and southern Manitowoc are also nearby.

### Chippewa County
**Chippewa County Department of Public Health**  
**Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin**

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**Internship Summary:**
Periodically, Wisconsin local health departments conduct a community health needs assessment in order to establish local health priorities. A comprehensive data assessment relating to community health indicators has been completed by the health department. The next step will be to gather community input on the findings through surveys, focus groups or individual interviews with key informants. This will lead to the outcome of a community-supported health improvement plan to guide the health department's decisions on programs over the next five years. The intern will have the opportunity to bring their own creative ideas to the work group and work as a team member with other health department personnel as part of this project.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Applicants who are self-motivated and have strong interpersonal skills are encouraged to apply. This would be a great opportunity for an intern who is excited about the prospect of learning more about the Chippewa County community, working to bring people together, set priorities, and develop mechanisms for enhancing community health.

**Important Considerations:**
Some evening or early morning meetings may be necessary.
**Dane County #1**

**Public Health Madison and Dane County**

**Madison, Wisconsin**

**Emergency Preparedness through Social Marketing**

- Project 1: Social Marketing - 80%
- Project 2: Shadowing - 20%

**Internship Summary**

This project is the continuation of work from the Dane County Disaster Preparedness Committee and will proceed via a partnership between Public Health, Dane County Emergency Management and Edgewood College. Primary supervision for the intern will be from Public Health, although Emergency Management and Edgewood College will direct work as well. Using a social marketing planning process, the overall goal of this community outreach project is to move people along the continuum of preparedness from “unreceptive to preparedness messages” to “unprepared” to “prepared.” The intern will assist in developing programs and materials for agencies that provide services to people with special needs. (For definition of special needs, see http://www.disabilitypreparedness.gov/paradigm.htm).

**Skills and Experience Needed:**

Skills/experience (or a strong desire to gain them) in community education/outreach and project coordination involving diverse community partners preferred. Skills/experience (or a strong desire to gain them) with special needs populations also preferred.

**Important Considerations:**

Access to personal vehicle for work-related travel helpful, but not necessarily required. Ability to work occasional evenings may be necessary.

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**Dane County #2**

**Madison, Wisconsin**

**(In Development)**

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**Dane County #3**

**Wisconsin Division of Public Health**

**Madison, Wisconsin**

**Implementing the Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan**

- Project 1: Community Resource Development - 70%
- Project 2: Other Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiatives - 15%
- Project 3: Job Shadowing - 15%

**Internship Summary:**

The Wisconsin Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan was developed as a framework to create and support environments that make it easier for all residents to make healthy food choices, be physically active and maintain a healthy weight. The Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Program has several initiatives underway as part of the implementation of this plan. The internship will primarily focus on developing resources. It will include literature reviews, developing assessment tools, formative assessment, evaluation and working with state and local partners. Additionally, the intern will have the opportunity to work on other projects of interest that may include the worksite, healthcare, childcare, school or community settings.

More information is available on the website, http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/physicalactivity/index.htm

**Skills and Experience Required:**

Knowledge of intervention design principles (preferred); knowledge of formative assessment techniques (preferred); good written and oral communication skills (required); knowledge of nutrition or physical activity or health education (preferred)

**Important Considerations:**

The worksite is in downtown Madison, the intern will be responsible for finding parking or utilizing public transportation. There will be some work-related travel within the state.
Grant County
Grant County Health Department
Lancaster, Wisconsin

Keeping Youth Safe and Drug Free
Project 1: S.A.F.E. Coalition Projects - 80%
Project 2: Job Shadowing - 20%

Internship Summary:
Students looking for a chance to work with youth and make a difference in preventing/reducing substance abuse/misuse will be interested in this internship opportunity. The intern will help plan and implement the annual Youth Leadership Conference at Bethel Horizons Retreat Center/Ropes Course on June 28-June 30, 2010. This will involve managing many details and working directly with the youth. Another project will be to work on an annual survey of schools, mental health agencies, local police departments, and the county sheriffs department to help the coalition track current substance abuse and other risky behavior trends in order to strategically target their services. Intern responsibilities for this latter community assessment will include data collection to create a visual map and data analysis for a written report for the coalition. The intern will also have the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of individuals from many sectors of the community who are involved in the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition's work. In addition, there will be opportunities for exposure to all Grant County Health Department's programs from injury prevention to health promotion through job shadowing and consultation with the Environmental Health Coordinator and other public health employees.

Skills and Experience Needed:
It would be helpful to have experience working with youth or a desire to work with youth. It would also be beneficial if the potential intern would have experience (or knowledge) regarding the collection/analysis of data as well as experience working with Microsoft Office (WORD, Excel, PowerPoint, in particular.)

Important Considerations:
Access to a personal vehicle for work-related travel to include our Youth Leadership Conference, which is at Bethel Horizon near Dodgeville, WI from June 28-June 30.

Green Lake County
Green Lake County Health Department
Green Lake, Wisconsin

Community Health Improvement in Green Lake County
Project 1: Community Improvement Plan – 75%
Project 2: Public Health Job Shadowing – 25%

Internship Summary:
The 2010 intern will review evidence-based best practices identified in the 2009 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to address the top 5 health priorities acknowledged by the Green Lake community. The intern will work with members of the Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition to implement strategies for a minimum of two of the following health concerns: Access to Primary and Preventative Health Services, Adequate and Appropriate Nutrition; Alcohol and Other Substance Use and Abuse; Mental Health; and Overweight, Obesity, Lack of Physical Activity. The main project will focus on developing ways to network and collaborate with local groups/organizations/individuals to address area health priorities with a strong focus on at least two of the aforementioned priorities. This may require holding working groups with area partners, working with businesses and local chambers to promote health of employees, developing resource lists for local citizens, or developing and implementing a local social marketing campaign. Finally, the intern will also receive a broad orientation to local health department programming with opportunities for observation of various public health programs in action. This will include environmental health services, Birth to 3 Program, WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program, Prenatal Care Coordination Program (dealing with high-risk pregnant women), emergency preparedness and much more.

Skills and Experience Needed:
Preference will be given to applicants having excellent communication skills and the ability to effectively communicate in group settings (including giving presentations). Should have excellent computer skills and experience in internet searching for information on public health evidence based practices and social marketing strategies.

Important Considerations:
A car is not necessary as you will travel with staff if necessary. The job will be primarily Monday through Friday---no evenings or weekends. Green Lake County has mentored interns for many years and it has been extremely positive for both the students and our agency. We try to incorporate areas of interest for the student along with our project to assure a fun, interesting and knowledge-filled experience.
# Jefferson & Dodge Counties #1
## City of Watertown Health Dept. Project #1
Watertown, Wisconsin

**Public Health Program Analysis and Evaluation**
Project 1: 100%

**Internship Summary:** The City of Watertown Health Department is interested in developing processes to engage in a continuous system of program analysis and evaluation within the Public Health Nursing and Environmental Health programs. The intern would be responsible for researching the various methodologies that are used to evaluate programming within Public Health and presenting them to the department. Using these tools the intern will work with the Environmental and Nursing staff to review and evaluate the effectiveness of an existing program. The effectiveness of the chosen programs will be based on the available research covering an existing program and evaluated through the chosen method. The analysis and evaluation will help to align the City of Watertown Health Department programs with evidence-based best practices within Public Health and will help to guide the department to establishing a system where they can perform periodic assessments of the effectiveness of their programming based on those methods.

**Skills and Experience Needed:** Have an interest in research and a desire to learn about public health.

# Jefferson & Dodge Counties #2
## City of Watertown Health Dept. Project #2
Watertown, Wisconsin

**Current Trends - Public Health in Wisconsin**
Project 1: 50% Electronic Medical Records
Project 2: 50% Smoke Free Implementation

**Internship Summary** Project 1: In the last ten years many hospital and clinical settings have moved to a system of electronic record keeping. The City of Watertown Health Department is seeking an intern to review Federal and State plans to implement or align current electronic database system with electronic medical records for the clients/patients of Public Health systems. The intern will be responsible for researching the current state of electronic medical record systems in public health, the systems that are available to a health department in this capacity, and efforts on state and national levels to help local health departments implement this program.

Project 2: In 2010 Wisconsin will join 26 other states in implementing smoke-free legislation that will eliminate smokers from lighting up in all restaurants and bars in the state. In anticipation of this dramatic change, the City of Watertown Health Department is beginning to develop new policies and procedures to accommodate the work that is done with restaurant and bars. The intern will be responsible for researching what progress is being made at the state level to develop guidance for local public health departments in Wisconsin to prepare for this change.

**Skills and Experience Needed:** Computer Skills

# Lincoln County
## Lincoln County Health Department
Merrill, Wisconsin

**Healthier Concessions, Fundraisers, and School Snack Options**
Project 1: Research and development of evidence-based best practices- 25%
Project 2: social marketing-25%
Project 3: creative formatting of a community toolkit-50%

**Internship Summary:** Having had great experiences the past 2 years with AHEC interns creating and marketing a “Healthy Choice Restaurant” toolkit for Lincoln county, we are again proposing a toolkit project for this year. The Lincoln County Health Department will be working collaboratively with Merrill Area Public School staff to develop and implement a concessions and fundraisers toolkit that supports healthier options. The intention is for this toolkit to be shared with all Lincoln County schools. In addition, we will work with MAPS administration and school wellness committee to propose a district-wide healthier school snack policy. The intern will gain experience in working with community partners, applying social marketing techniques, researching and implementing evidence-based best practices, and creative formatting of a community toolkit. In addition, the intern will be exposed to the variety of Public Health activities that go on at the Lincoln County Health Department.

**Skills and Experience Needed:** The intern should be familiar with both the "Healthy People 2010" national health improvement plan as well as the "Wisconsin Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan". The intern should have knowledge (or a strong desire to gain knowledge) in evidence-based best practices, public health research, social marketing theory and techniques, and working with community partners.

**Important Considerations:** There will not be much travel involved with this assignment. The intern will have his/her own office and computer at our health department. The intern will need good computer and internet skills, experience in gathering research, good time management and organizational skills, enthusiasm, creativity, and good interpersonal skills.
**Monroe County #1**

**Monroe County Health Department**

Sparta, Wisconsin

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**Monroe County Public Health Quality Initiative**

- **Project 1:** WIQI Project - 60%
- **Project 2:** CHIP Project - 20%
- **Project 3:** Job Shadowing - 20%

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**Internship Summary**

Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) has joined in Wisconsin’s collaborative process to improve public health quality and prepare for national voluntary accreditation. As an intern with MCHD, our candidate will work on Wisconsin’s Public Health Quality Initiative (WIQI) and be a part of the process to shape our nation’s new public health accreditation standards, prepare for voluntary state and local accreditation, engage in MCHD’s self-assessment, and participate in quality improvement activities. WIQI partners, (The Institute for Wisconsin’s Health, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, and Wisconsin Division of Public Health), are looking at Public Health’s capacity in relation to emerging national standards, learning, making plans and taking action - all to better protect the people of Wisconsin. Our CHIP intern would be involved in all aspects of this project, some dependent on objectives as defined by the WIQI project director.

Activities would include assessing departmental assets and needs, and creating and/or modifying policies and procedures. Although this is a multi-year project, our intern would focus on developing a Public Health Nurse Orientation Plan specific to MCHD. Additional time would be spent on MCHD’s Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP), based on Wisconsin's 2010 Health Priorities, and in job shadowing.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**

Initiative and an ability to work independently with a modest outline of project objectives. Students with Spanish-language skills are encouraged to apply. Grant-writing experience is a plus, but not required.

**Important Considerations:**

Access to a personal vehicle for work-related travel may be needed, but very infrequently, with reimbursement at the county rate (currently 40 cents per mile). We have a diverse population with significant Hispanic and Amish presence.

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**Monroe County #2**

**Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers,**

Cashton, WI

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**Rural Oral Health Education**

- **Project 1:** Oral Health Educational Material Development - 40%
- **Project 2:** Dental Assistant Education - 25%
- **Project 3:** Strategize Healthcare Home Message - 35%

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**Internship Summary**

As a Community Health Center, Scenic Bluffs offers a sliding fee scale and accepts Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for services. The patient population is diverse. The practice sees a variety of patients from Vernon, Monroe, and La Crosse Counties, including Hispanic and Amish patients. Our dental department provided 9,533 dental and hygiene appointments in 2008. The patient base for the practice is 3782, with 425 adults on a waiting list for appointments. This demand illustrates the extreme need for affordable oral health services in western Wisconsin.

Our patients need oral health care in combination with an oral health education program, strengthening our message about the importance of oral health as part of whole person health. The intern will work with our dental providers to determine the educational messages needed by our patients, and with our Health Educator and Marketing Coordinator to develop educational materials. An important focus of this effort will be a series of newsletters that can be used by the practice into the future. The intern will lead discussions with dental assistants and provide training on effective oral health education. Finally, the intern will assist in development of a health center strategy to encourage dental patients without a healthcare home to establish routine medical care at Scenic Bluffs. The intern will also have the opportunity to work with our dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. Other opportunities include attending meetings of a local public health committee.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**

Microsoft Word and Publisher experience required. Spanish language skills preferred, but not required. Ability to work independently with a modest outline of project objectives required.

**Important Considerations:**

The Scenic Bluffs dental practice is located in Cashton, WI, near the Kickapoo River for great canoeing and kayaking, and the Kickapoo Valley Reserve and Wildcat Mountain for hiking and horseback riding. We have wonderful local farmers, markets, restaurants, natural foods stores and artisan shops.
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<td>The Wisconsin Wins (WI WINS) campaign is an initiative launched in 2002 designed to decrease youth access to tobacco products. The program contracts with local partners, including health departments, human service agencies, and law enforcement, to conduct investigations to determine retailer compliance with the law. Local initiatives also include retailer education and training, media, and community outreach and education. The intern will receive training and be involved in all aspects of WI WINS and will play a lead role in program coordination and implementation. Activities will include obtaining current tobacco license lists, conducting trainings and compliance checks, preparing media releases, and presenting program findings to community stakeholder groups. The intern will also be provided opportunities for exploring the breadth of public health practice by shadowing public health employees in a variety of settings.</td>
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<td>Skills and Experience Needed:</td>
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<td>Port Washington, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>This internship will involve participating in water quality monitoring activities for public beach and public well programs. The intern will be trained in all aspects of monitoring, including sampling from surface and well water, sample transport, completing monitoring and chain of custody forms, and data entry. The intern will also learn to evaluate and communicate results and may participate in the issuance of beach and boil/bottled water advisories. Some experience with NOWCAST beach modeling will also be included. This internship will also provide opportunities for exploring the breadth of local public health practice by shadowing public health employees in a variety of settings.</td>
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<td>Skills and Experience Needed:</td>
<td>Strong computer skills, science and math training, interest in water science, and an attention to detail. Ability to work independently is a plus.</td>
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<td>Important Considerations:</td>
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<td>The goal of the Gardening for Healthier Communities project is to increase knowledge and awareness of the value healthy food choices by introducing residents to simple gardening techniques. Working with members of the Pepin County Health Department and Nutrition Coalition, the intern responsibilities will be to identify best practices related to community gardening and sustainability; to identify resources for the project such as community garden sites, supplies, and volunteers; and to develop educational and outreach tools. Finally, the intern will develop a plan for community gardens in Pepin County that will introduce fresh produce to households throughout the community and encourage healthier food choices for everyone.</td>
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<td>Background:</td>
<td>The concept of community and school gardening is a hot topic for Pepin County. We have witnessed a great deal of community support and enthusiasm for a project such as this to be coordinated. In 2009, the Pepin County Health Department initiated a garden project in the Durand School District and planning for a school garden project in the Pepin Area School. The intern will receive a broad orientation to rural health department programming with opportunity for observation of day-to-day public health programs at work.</td>
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<td>Skills and Experience Needed:</td>
<td>Individuals interested in this position should have knowledge of planning, planting, maintaining and harvesting a garden and enjoy working with people of all ages and backgrounds. Strong communication, networking and social marketing skills are needed as well as computer and internet skills.</td>
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### Pierce County

**Pierce County Health Department**  
Ellsworth, Wisconsin

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Project 2: Other Environmental Health projects - 10%  
Project 3: Job shadowing - 25% |

**Internship Summary**
The main project will be developing a Healthy Homes display, the intern will then staff the display at WIC clinics and at our departments booth during Farm Technology Days, providing education to clients and attendees at these locations. The internship will also provide opportunities for exploring the range of public health practice by shadowing public health employees in a variety of settings. This will include job shadowing in Birth to 3 program, WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program, Prenatal Care Coordination program which deals with high-risk pregnant women and much more.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Applicants should have strong organizational and communication skills. Preference will be given to applicants with strong interpersonal skills and those who enjoy working with adults & children. Creativity also preferred.

**Important Considerations:**
Access to a personal vehicle for work-related travel will be required.

### Polk County

**Polk County Health Department**  
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

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Project 2: Job Shadowing - 25% |

**Internship Summary:**
Every five years, Wisconsin Local Health Departments conduct a statutory, required community health needs assessment in order to establish local health priorities. Polk County completed a comprehensive community health needs assessment in 2009. The top 2 health focus areas identified for Polk County were physical activity and nutrition. This internship will focus on exploring, identifying and organizing current data sets that correspond to local needs assessment; and cross referencing the new state health plan benchmarks for nutrition and physical activity. These measures will include data for both process objectives and health outcomes. In addition to this work, the intern will assist the local Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) Coalition in marketing the coalition by developing press releases, working on website development, and developing a new social marketing campaign to promote physical activity.

Opportunities will also be provided for exploring the breadth of local public health practice by shadowing public health employees in a variety of settings.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Student should be computer savvy (required), enjoy working with people and data (required), possess website development skills (preferred), knowledge of social marketing (preferred), and have experience in Internet searching for data reports (required).

**Important Considerations:**
We will provide a county car for work related travel if one is available and not in use by agency staff.

### Rusk County

**Rusk County Health and Human Services Department**  
Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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<th>Childhood Obesity</th>
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| Project 1: Nutrition ed. material development - 70%  
Project 2: List of community resources - 15%  
Project 3: Job shadow - 15% |

**Internship Summary:**
Twenty four percent of U.S. children are overweight or obese. This project will aid in increasing awareness of childhood obesity in Rusk County. The intern will develop educational tools to address this issue. The intern responsibilities will include: (1) identify risk factors that contribute to childhood obesity in Rusk County; (2) develop nutrition education materials in subject areas such as liquid sugars and physical activity; (3) compile list of community or other resources that may help parents of overweight children.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Desire to work with families and children.

**Important Considerations:**
Access to personal vehicle for work related travel.
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| St. Croix County Dept. of Health and Human Services-Public Health New Richmond, Wisconsin | Project 1: Environmental Health - 75%  
Project 2: Wisconsin WINS - 10%  
Project 3: Public Health Shadowing - 15% |

**Internship Summary:**
Working with the Environmental Health Specialist, the intern will be involved with collecting water samples from regulated facilities and St. Croix county beaches. The intern will be required to follow a specific sampling process to ensure accurate results, and correctly label and ship samples to labs. The intern will be trained in all aspects of monitoring, including sampling, transporting, completing forms, and data entry. The intern will also learn to evaluate and communicate results. This internship will also provide opportunities for exploring the breadth of local public health practice and participate in Retail Tobacco Compliance Investigations (Wisconsin WINS program) and the Local Community Health Improvement Process.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Applicants should have strong organizational, communication, and time management skills. This would be a great opportunity for an intern who is excited about the prospect of working autonomously and developing mechanisms for enhancing community health.

**Important Considerations:**
Must have a valid Wisconsin driver's license and be willing to be flexible with work assignments.

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| Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Sheboygan, Wisconsin | Project 1: DPH website - 25%  
Project 2: DPH Policies - 25%  
Project 3: Remaining items - 50% |

**Internship Summary:**
The intern would be assisting us with multiple projects to allow Sheboygan County DPH to move forward: (1) Review and update of the DPH website with assist of IS, DPH staff; survey and listing of all computer equipment within DPH; (2) Review DPH policies and development of an electronic manual; (3) Assist with H1N1 Incident Action Plan Review; (4) Assist with 2020 goals in regard to the Community Health Assessment Plan; and (5) Shadow DPH staff in multiple programs within DPH. Time will be allowed for shadowing in the multiple areas of responsibility of our public health nurses, dieticians and sanitarians.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
The intern who assists in these multiple areas will need to have strong computer skills and the ability to use various programs, such as, WORD, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Superior communication, organizational and presentation skills will also be important. A background in nursing or health education is desired.

**Important Considerations:**
Use of personal vehicle may be needed.

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| Taylor County Health Department Medford, Wisconsin | Project 1: Healthy People Taylor County-75%  
Project 2: Job Shadow Public Health Activities-25% |

**Internship Summary:**
The intern will assist the workgroups for the Healthy People Taylor County. The priority areas include: 1) Adequate and Appropriate Nutrition-Overweight, Obesity and Lack of Physical Activity 2) Access to Primary and Preventive Care and 3) Alcohol and Other Substance Use and Addiction The plan can be viewed at [www.healthypeopletaylorcounty.org](http://www.healthypeopletaylorcounty.org)

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Skills include computer skills, ability to use various computer programs, work in groups, public speaking skills.

**Important Considerations:**
Access to personal vehicle for work related activities. There may be some early morning meetings.
**Waushara County Community Health Improvement Plan Project**

| Project 1: Community Health Improvement Plan 75% |
| Project 2: Public Health Program Observation 25% |

**Internship Summary**

The community health needs assessment data has been gathered. Waushara County has a newly formed Wellness Committee, comprised of many community agencies and partners that have started to work on the Community Health Improvement Plan. The intern would help in the analysis of the available data, look at evidence-based practice and create a plan for responding to two of the priorities identified in the needs assessment. This may include further literature searches for successful programs in other communities. Our last intern looked at programs we could implement to work on the "overweight, obesity and lack of physical activity" priority in Waushara County. Finally, the intern will receive a broad orientation to the local health department programs with an opportunity to observe and participate in various public health programs.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**

Experience in Internet search skills for evidence-based practice, interpersonal skills to interact with others, community organizing skills, and writing skills.

**Important Considerations:**

Intern will be reimbursed for any mileage that is job related such as for attending meetings. Work hours are generally 8-4:30.

Other potential internship sites still in development for the statewide program include:

- La Crosse County: La Crosse County Health Department
- Shawano County: Shawano County Health Department
- Monroe County #3: Scenic Rivers AHEC: Health Careers Program Development
- Vilas County #2 – Great Lakes Intertribal Council
- Vilas County #3: Vilas County Health Department
- Northern Wisconsin: Dental Public Health in Rural Wisconsin
## Section II: The UW-Oshkosh Environment Intern Program

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**Approximate Time per Activity:**
- Project 1: Environmental Health Inspections - 50%
- Project 2: Water Quality Monitoring - 25%
- Project 3: Well Water Sampling and Lab Analysis - 25%

**UW Oshkosh Environmental Health Interns** are selected through a separate process, but participate in the CHIP program activities. This program runs from late May through the end of August. For further information, contact Dr. Greg Kleinheinz at UW-Oshkosh (kleinhei@uwosh.edu).

### Internship Summary

There are 3-4 projects an intern could choose from and each internship is conducted at a different location. Internship option one would be conducted in the Lake Superior region of Wisconsin and would include conducting beach monitoring on Lake Superior and inland lakes as well as the laboratory analysis of water samples (housing in Ashland). Option two would be similar to option one, but would be conducted in Door County, WI (housing in Sturgeon Bay) and would include some environmental investigations of environmental contamination. Option three would involve the well water testing and lodging facility inspection program conducted in partnership with the Vilas County Public Health Department. In this project the intern would work with the Environmental Health staff in Vilas County by conducting lodging facility inspections and testing well water at sites throughout Vilas County. All internships provide a valuable look at various aspects of environmental public health activities in the state and will provide for other opportunities for job shadowing and involvement in local health departments. In all cases, housing will be provided for interns and all sites involve multiple interns. Interns for this program are employed from mid to late May through the end of August. Compensation is commensurate with the duration of the internship.

### Skills and Experience Needed:

Some coursework and/or experience with biology principals. Microbiology and/or environmental health training is preferred. Interns should be familiar with MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.

### Important Considerations:

The intern must have a personal vehicle that can be used. They will be reimbursed for travel costs. Housing is provided. We will provide a full summer stipend to all interns. That is, while CHIP is only a portion of the summer, all of our interns will work from approximately the last week in May through the end of August and will be compensated accordingly. We will also provide housing for our interns.
Section III: The SEARCH Program

Through a National Health Service Corps SEARCH (Student/Resident Experiences in Community Health) program contract, Wisconsin AHEC is currently working to develop elective opportunities during the summer at Community Health Centers (CHCs). These opportunities will be available to National Health Service Corp scholars and other eligible students as either CHIP program placements and/or as supplemental experiences. We will not have complete information on available experiences until early spring 2010. Interested students should apply through the on-line application for the CHIP program and check the options for SEARCH-eligible students.

To be eligible to participate through the SEARCH program, students must have matriculated into and/or begun health professional training in one of the following disciplines:
- medical students who are candidates for the MD or DO degree,
- primary care certified nurse practitioners (NPs) who specialize in adult, family, pediatric, psychiatry/mental health, geriatrics, or women’s health;
- psychiatric nurse specialists;
- certified nurse-midwives (CNMs);
- physician assistants (PAs) who specialize in primary care;
- general practice dentists (DMD or DDS); pediatric dentists; dental hygienists;
- health service psychologists;
- licensed clinical social workers;
- marriage and family therapists; licensed professional counselors.

Wisconsin’s CHCs are located in communities across the state. Most summer SEARCH program opportunities are expected to be at rural CHC sites and other locations outside Milwaukee or Madison. For more information on Wisconsin’s CHCs, see www.wphca.org
Section IV: Milwaukee CHIP Program Sites
Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth and Waukesha Counties

The Milwaukee CHIP Program is administered separately from the Statewide CHIP Program. Students attend an orientation and regular seminars in Milwaukee, and are assigned to a project in Milwaukee or one of the other four southeast region counties. Students may apply to the Milwaukee program through the on-line Statewide CHIP application or by downloading the Milwaukee-only application. **NOTE: If you are interested in being considered for either Milwaukee or another location in the state, you MUST use the on-line Statewide CHIP application.**

Dates: June 14-July 23, 2010  Stipend: $2100

**Internship Summary:**
The Milwaukee Community Health Internship Program provides students with a real life experience in the community health work world in the Milwaukee area. Placements are with health departments and community based organizations located in Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Waukesha Counties.

Interns work one-on-one with a mentor in a specific project approved and assigned by the CHIP coordinator. Each student will work closely with a participating mentor on a community health project related to one of the following: medicine, laboratory science, nursing, social welfare, oral health, environmental health, mental/behavioral health, and health information and/or research. The project is designed to provide learning in organization, community health concepts, leadership and teamwork with professionals in the workplace. In addition, CHIP interns are expected to participate in scientific seminars and workshops on Tuesday afternoons.

Once accepted into the program in early May, students will choose their top 3 choices of projects to work on during the 6 week internship. Soon after, the assignments will be made and communicated to interns. For questions about the Milwaukee CHIP program, please see “student programs” at [http://www.milahec.org](http://www.milahec.org), or contact: Virginia Thomas, MS, RN
CHIP Coordinator
vthomas@milahec.org

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Students applying for Milwaukee-area sites will have an opportunity to indicate a specific project preference after they have been selected for the program. Past project sites have included:

- Milwaukee Health Department
- Wauwatosa Health Department
- Milwaukee Center for Urban Population Health
- United Migrant Opportunities
- Aurora UW Medical Group
- Aurora Midwifery/Wellness
- Aurora Walkers Point Clinic
- Aurora Clarke Square
- Greenfield Health Dept
- Core El Centro
- Bread of Healing
- MCW affiliated sites
- Downtown Health Center (MCW)
- Curative Care Network (MCW)
- Milwaukee Health Services
- UW-Milwaukee Nursing sites
- Community Care
- Grand Ave. Club
- Milwaukee AHEC

The Milwaukee program also places students in projects in surrounding counties:

- Kenosha County
- Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant (Racine County)
- City of Racine (see full description, below)
- Walworth County (see full description, below)
- Waukesha County
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**Internship Summary**
The improvement of Great Lakes coastal health has been identified regionally as area of concern as bathing beaches typically exceed public health standards by 15% each year. Access to safe recreational venues will enhance the physical, social and economic well-being of coastal communities. Locally, surface water quality and improved access have been consistently identified through community visioning processes. This project will assist the city in implementing water quality improvements through the development of recommendations for monitoring, research needs, or usage designations at two parks located on the shore of Lake Michigan. The outcome will be a tabulated monitoring database, detailed report including site surveys, and recommendations for remediation. This information will be distributed to various internal departments, external service or environmental agencies, and interested stakeholders. The intern will conduct beach sanitary surveys using the US EPA sanitary survey tool, photo-document the sites and surrounding area, and perform daily beach utilization studies. The intern will also collect environmental data and storm/surface water samples; analyzing the water samples for bacterial indicators of water quality and parameters such as temperature, pH, turbidity, and conductivity. Samples will be collected for the duration of the internship, database development will be ongoing, and a final report generated.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
This position requires good organizational and time management skills, attention to detail, ability to work outdoors, proficiency in basic laboratory techniques, and computer data entry/database management skills. Previous use of Microsoft Office and a digital camera are required. Previous familiarity with Adobe Acrobat is preferred. Previous coursework in statistics is preferred.

**Important Considerations:**
The position requires travel within the City of Racine; requiring the possession of a valid driver’s license, access to a vehicle, and the minimum required car insurance. The position may involve some weekend work, walking/wading, carrying up to 25 pounds, and exposure to inclement weather. The applicant must be able to swim.

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**Internship Summary**
Water quality affects the lives of every resident and visitor in Walworth County. In particular, excellent drinking water quality is very important to maintaining a healthy county and a healthy tourism industry. Nearly 200 transient, non-community water systems serve the public in Walworth County. The Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources contracts with Walworth County to sample and inspect these systems annually. During the 8-week program, the intern can expect to visit approx. 50 systems and learn proper sampling techniques, sanitary well construction and contamination sources. Instruction will be provided by the mentor and DNR. In addition, the intern will sample water at public beaches using accepted techniques. By addressing these water quality issues, Walworth County Div. of Public Health will move closer to meeting its overall goal of protecting and improving public health.

**Skills and Experience Needed:**
Required: prospective intern should have an educational background in microbiology or a physical science. In addition, the ability to deal effectively with the public, attention to detail and accuracy are valuable traits. Preferred: knowledge of public health goals and concepts and knowledge of environmental hazards and how they affect water quality.

**Important Considerations:**
The intern must be able to provide his/her own transportation.