



MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
ANNOUNCES AN UNPAID HEALTH EDUCATOR INTERNSHIP

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
AND PROMOTION INTERNSHIP**

**SALARY: UNPAID**

**DEADLINE: On-going**

**LOCATION AND HOURS:** The internship will be based out of the SE Health Center at 3653 SE 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. However, the intern will be spending approximately 25 % of the internship engaged in community-based trainings. The internship is unpaid for 10-15 hours a week.

**INTERNSHIP CONCENTRATION TOPICS:**

Environmental Health Education, Emerging Public Health Concerns (such as West Nile virus, Poultry Disease Prevention, Lead Poisoning) , Community Outreach, Training and Facilitation, Public Information and Response to Imminent Health Issues, Vector and Nuisance Control.

**INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES**

The internship program is designed to provide environmental health students – majors in Public Health Education and Promotion or Environmental Education -- with the opportunity to integrate academic learnings at the community level. The Environmental Health Educator will support workforce development by training Environmental Health Services education interns in community-based training modules and evaluating effective strategies for Community- Based information dissemination.

The Intern will:

1. Raise the public's awareness of Environmental Health's services and functions in a simple, easy-to-understand approach that supports behavior change and ensures cultural competence.
2. Provide community educational services.
3. Motivate people to adopt and maintain healthful practices and lifestyles.
4. Advocate social and environmental changes as needed to facilitate healthful living conditions and behavior.
5. Encourage behavior change around vector/nuisance issues by being pro-active in identifying key actions that contribute to an increase in VCN issues; and then creating health education tools and trainings to address these actions.
6. Support field inspectors in community relations by ensuring they have educational resources in key issue areas.
7. Support the mission of Environmental Health Services
8. Fulfill duties as according to the individual internship work scope.

**TO QUALIFY**

1. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; ability to present ideas effectively to individuals as well as to large groups and civic organizations.
2. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, public speaking skills, plus strong computer skills (with an emphasis on PowerPoint.)
3. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with employees, supervisors, volunteers, other departments, officials and the public.
4. Knowledge of methods and techniques for health education and community outreach and advocacy.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit an application or direct questions to: