



MULTNOMAH COUNTY
ANNOUNCES AN UNPAID ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP

**INTERNSHIP PROJECT DESCRIPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

SALARY: UNPAID

DEADLINE: WINTER OR SPRING TERM 2009

LOCATION AND HOURS: The internship will be based out of the SE Health Center at 3653 SE 34th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97202. However, some of the intern's time will be spent job shadowing Environmental Health Specialist and Vector and Nuisance Control staff on field work in the community.

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The objectives of our internship program are: 1) Expose students to environmental health programs and services so they can increase their knowledge of environmental health programs and services and the role they play in protecting public health and safety; 2) Engage students in a 3-4 week environmental health project(s) which will allow them to practice skills that will make them employable in the environmental health field.

All interns will engage in the following internship activities: 1) **Orientation to the Agency:** Students will become familiarized with agency, staff, policies and procedures, environmental health programs and services and the organizational structure; 2) **Orientation to Environmental Health Specialist Field Work:** Students will observe and shadow Environmental Health Specialists as they conduct their work; 3) **Orientation to Vector and Nuisance Control Field Work:** Students will observe and shadow Public Health Vector Specialists, Public Health Ecologists, and Code Enforcement Officer as they conduct their field work; 4) **Engage in Health Education interactive project(s):** The project(s) will provide students with opportunities to observe, practice, and use learned academic classroom theory on real work projects. Under the guidance of their internship supervisor, the student will be oriented to a project(s), develop project goals, objectives, outcome and outputs, produce and/or achieve tangible project outcomes and outputs, and receive project feedback.

HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT):

The mission of Environmental Health Services, a division of the Health Department, is to promote health by preventing disease and injury. Our goal is to protect the public from environmental health related issues including: food, water, vector borne diseases such as West Nile virus and environmental health threats, including mercury poisoning, poor indoor air quality, and lead poisoning. The Environmental Health website informs the general community, partners, stakeholders and educators about a broad range of environmental health topics including but not limited to: rat and mosquito control, vector borne disease prevention, food safety, lead poisoning prevention, environmental health 101, green cleaning, and healthy home principles, vital records and health inspections.

Over the course of several weeks, the intern will collaborate with Health Department IT and MCEH staff on the design and development of our environmental health website. The purpose of the website is to inform and educate our community about environmental health programs and services.

INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

The internship program is designed to provide university students with the opportunity to integrate academic learning in practical work situations.

The Intern will:

1. Collaborate with program managers and program lead staff to Identify environmental health website content that will inform and educate various audiences (general public, community partners, internal and external stakeholders and educators) about environmental health program and services.
2. Coordinate the collection of identified content information, documents, tools that will be uploaded onto the website.
3. Write and edit website content as needed.
4. Coordinate with the Health Department web master on the redesign of the environmental health website.
5. Test and evaluate the website

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.
2. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, public speaking skills, plus strong computer skills (with an emphasis on Microsoft Word)
3. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with employees, supervisors, volunteers, other departments, officials and the public.
4. It is helpful if you have prior website development and/or maintenance experience but not required.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete application instructions can be found on our website at www.mchealthinspect.org/internship.shtm.
Please submit an application or direct questions to:

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