Governmental Public Health Practice Award: Program Overview

What is the Texas Public Health Training Center?
The Texas Public Health Training Center (TPHTC) is one of 37 Public Health Training Centers across the nation established as collaborations between accredited schools of public health, governmental and public health agencies and related organizations. The TPHTC is a collaboration of the following three schools: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, The University of North Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health and Texas A&M University Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. The mission of the TPHTC is to improve the state's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial and leadership competencies and capabilities of the current and future public health workforce.

The Governmental Public Health Practice Award
The Governmental Public Health Practice Award seeks to further the mission of the TPHTC by giving students the opportunity to have applied experience in the public health system. The TPHTC Governmental Public Health Practice Award is the first internship program of its kind. This 200 hour, paid ($2400 stipend) internship will provide interns with the experience necessary to excel in public health departments following graduation. The goals of this program are:

- To enable students to be prepared for careers in health departments through applied opportunities
- To expose students to career opportunities in governmental public health
- To orient interns to the practice, policies and skills necessary to thrive in the public sector
- To assist governmental public health in recruiting qualified candidates

Interns will have direct experience in various divisions of county and regional health departments. Each intern will be supervised and mentored by an experienced public health professional. Students will also have the opportunity to interact with other professionals in the field. Since the internship satisfies the practicum requirement, each intern will be responsible for finding their own practicum and completing a final project that has been approved by their supervisor and the TPHTC. Students are encouraged to contact their academic institution for specific academic requirements.

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