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Please give a brief description of your duties.	What value do you feel you added to the organization during your internship?	Did this internship meet your expectations? Why or why not?
<p>My job during the duration of my internship at the health department was to assist in the creation of quality assurance modules for state and local health officials to clean-up disease surveillance data.</p>	<p>My main value during this project was the ability to simplify a complicated protocol and present it in an understandable way. Additionally, it was very helpful to the project that I am extremely familiar with creating power point presentations quickly- this helped us to be able to create pilot modules and edit them many times before they were completed.</p>	<p>This internship was very different from other internships that I have heard of from the health department. I appreciated this internship because I was able to learn a lot from different departments while creating this modules. Though I was not able to work directly with disease surveillance data, I learned a lot about how data is collected and used in the health department.</p>
Would you recommend this internship to another student? Why or why not?	If you could change one thing about your internship experience, what would it be and why?	Please provide any additional information regarding your internship that you feel students should know.
<p>Though this project in particular is a one-time experience, I would recommend an internship in the health department to any student interested in a health career. Within the health department, there is a convergence of people working as doctors and nurses, as epidemiologists, as laboratory technicians, and as policy implementers. There are so many types of careers that I have been able to learn about within this internship that it has definitely helped me to learn more about health careers as whole.</p>	<p>If I could change one thing about this internship, I would have preferred to start the project once it had already been outlined and ready to begin. There was a short period of time after my internship started when progress was very slow due to organizing the entire project at the beginning. Though this was an important time, I would have liked to have been able to start making progress immediately.</p>	<p>This internship was a one-time project that I was able to organize by contacting the head of the infectious disease branch of the health department. Though it was time-consuming to organize, I found that the people in this department are extremely willing to help students to learn in any way that they can. It is worthwhile to try to organize a project independently because it allows for more flexibility than most organized internships.</p>