



Texas Department of State Health Services

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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? |
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| <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> |