



# Dell Medical School, Department of Health Policy

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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 internship was through the Health Leadership Apprentice Program. My main responsibility for the semester was helping to find evidence for the cost-effectiveness of community health workers.</p>	<p>I feel that over the semester, I added critical information to the team at Dell Medical School. Community health workers (CHW) are individuals that serve as liaisons between patients and the health care system. Dell Medical School has identified finding sustainable funding for CHWs as a top priority. I researched the return on investment on CHWs, similar programs throughout the US, and frameworks for funding. I believe that my work aided their efforts.</p>	<p>This internship did meet my expectations. I attended work under the supervision of a great mentor as I expected. I also created a research poster of my semester's work. Beyond that, I felt that I was able to take advantage of my semester at the medical school. I attended leadership seminars throughout the semester with my HLA peers. It was everything the program promised!</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>I would recommend this internship to another student. First of all, it was certainly manageable to balance with a full courseload. I thought that the time requirements were very reasonable, which is extremely important as a student. Additionally, it was great to interact with the staff at Dell Medical School. I really appreciated my mentor's support and guidance. She was a wealth of knowledge, and I feel that I learned a great deal from her throughout the semester. Being at Dell Medical School, surrounded by inspiring individuals and conducting meaningful research was a great experience.</p>	<p>If I could change one thing about my internship experience, I would definitely have explored more of Dell Medical School. While I attended work every week, I only went to my office. In hindsight, it would have been nice to branch out to different parts of the school. Beyond that, I know of so many individuals doing extremely interesting research. I would have also loved to interact with more faculty!</p>	<p>I think student should know that this internship is what you make of it! Although this is a "program", aside from the general leadership seminars, the large part of this internship is spent by oneself. This gave me a lot of flexibility in my work which I loved, but I believe students should be aware of this when signing up.</p>