



Washtenaw County Health Department

Prescription for Health Internship

The Washtenaw County Health Department is seeking applications for a paid internship as the Prescription for Health Assistant Coordinator. **Please note that applicants will only be considered if they can commit to the entire internship timeline of late April 2020 through January 2021.**

Organization Summary

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. The Washtenaw County Health Department has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Visit washtenaw.org/health for additional information.

Role and Responsibilities

This paid internship will support Prescription for Health, an innovative program that connects low income patients at risk for a chronic disease to the farmers markets. This program aims to increase fruit and vegetable consumption among participants and encourage healthy behavior change. Enrolled participants receive nutrition education and support from program staff, and receive \$10 in tokens to purchase fruits and vegetables at each farmers market visit (up to 10 visits). Visit washtenaw.org/prescriptionforhealth for additional information.

Primary internship responsibilities include assisting Registered Dietitian and program staff with the following:

- Interacting directly with program participants, working with staff at local clinics and Washtenaw County Health Department program staff (including Community Health Workers)
- Planning and implementing nutrition education (including development of program materials) at farmers market and clinic locations, communicating nutrition information to a diverse population, and leading group meetings
- Communications and materials development for clinics, program staff, and program participants
- Program reporting and evaluation; SPSS data entry and analysis
- Occasionally working non-traditional hours (some markets occur on Saturdays; early mornings and evenings)

Qualifications

Excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills are needed for this placement, as well as comfort interacting with a diverse, low income population and public speaking. High level of attention to detail is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Office and SPSS is required. Experience with behavior change techniques, such as Motivational Interviewing is preferred. Background in public health and nutrition is preferred.

Additional Notes

A vehicle is required for this internship. Occasionally working non-traditional hours (Saturdays; early mornings and evenings) is required. Pay is \$15 per hour. Total number of hours for this internship: 600. Approximate hours per week May-August: 30. Approximate hours per week September-January: 7. Desired start date: 4/27/20. Desired end date: 1/29/21.

Application Deadline: 2/3/2020

Please email your cover letter and resume to: donnelya@washtenaw.org, subject line: Prescription for Health Internship. After submission, you will receive an email to confirm receipt of your application.

Interested in applying to another internship at Washtenaw County Health Department? [Check for other postings.](#)

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