

# Prospective Internship Site Profile

## Department of Health Education & Behavior

Location: Gainesville

FL

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Agency: Protecting Alachua from the Flu Coalition (Alachua County Health Department, Alachua County Public Schools, Emerging Pathogens Institute, 20+ community organizations)

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What type of interns does your agency seek?

Part-Time

Full-Time

What semesters is your agency available to accept interns?

Fall (August – December)

Spring (January – April)

Summer (May – August)

List the last semester a Health Education intern was placed with your agency: N/A

Is office space available to interns?

Yes

No

Is a computer available to interns?

Yes

No

List the normal working hours for your agency. Please indicate any evening or weekend time commitments.

Duties often include working in the schools and at school related events (which sometimes occur during the evenings/weekends). Interns will be given advance notice of evening and weekend commitments. The interns have some control over their work schedule.

Very flexible

Somewhat flexible

Not flexible

Does your agency offer paid or non-paid internships?

Non-paid

Paid (amount): \_\_\_\_\_

List other benefits your agency offers interns (i.e. housing, health insurance, travel reimbursement, etc.)

We are currently working on obtaining travel reimbursements for our interns. As of right now, we are unable to offer any benefits.

List required purchases for interning with your agency (i.e. parking pass, uniform, etc.)

Interns are not required to purchase items for the internship. We ask that all interns have access to reliable transportation (preferably a car) and a computer (preferably a laptop computer).

List the required skills or previous experience necessary for interning with your agency

We are seeking interns who are flexible and able to adapt to change and working environments. In addition, this internship seeks reliable and motivated individuals who enjoy working with children, parents, and public health officials.

List a description of duties your agency expects to be fulfilled by interns. Please include additional literature if desired.

School based influenza immunization programs (SBIIP) offer much promise for controlling flu pandemics. Schools facilitate virus transmission because they are extremely effective virus exchange systems and children are “super spreaders”, they shed more of the virus and do so for a longer period of time than do adults.

In the fall on 2009, Alachua County was able to immunize in excess of 66% of all children grades pre K – 8th with seasonal flu vaccine. It is the highest flu immunization rate in the state, and very possibly the nation. Our community base includes the Alachua County Health Department (ACHD), Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS) faculty and students from the University of Florida and our 20+ community partners.

Our team is now busy planning next year’s immunization program, and we’re looking forward to building on this year’s success. We are seeking highly motivated and self directed interns to assist in running Alachua County’s school based program. In addition to gaining valuable “hands on” public health experience and directing public health interventions - there are opportunities for publication in an academic journal.

Our program’s goals are to:

1. Continue to achieve immunization rates in the range of 70% for Alachua County Pre-K-8 grade public and private school children.
2. Begin to integrate the program into high schools in Alachua County.

We are seeking interns to help organize and assist in implementing the SBIIP. The interns will be responsible for and in charge of assisting at least 3 schools throughout the county with their program. This will provide the intern a unique opportunity to gain “hands on” public health experience, leadership skills, and the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate an intervention in one semester.

This internship is best suited for those who are flexible and able to adapt to changing tasks and working environments. Duties often include working in the schools and at school related events (which sometimes occur during the evenings/weekends). In addition, this internship seeks reliable and motivated individuals who enjoy working with children, parents, and public health officials.

## Example of a Time Line

<b>August - September</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. SBIIP Training</b></li> <li><b>2. SBIIP Community Outreach</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop and implement outreach strategies</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. Immunization Clinic Preparation</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop and maintain system for collecting/organizing consent forms</li> <li>b) Assist school health nurses</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>4. Set Up Immunization Clinics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Help organize/schedule immunization clinics</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>5. SBIIP Team Meetings</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meet weekly with supervisor and other SBIIP interns/volunteers to discuss strategies, issues etc</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Mid Sept – Nov</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Immunization Clinics</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Assist in implementing immunization clinics.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. SBIIP Team Meeting</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meet weekly with supervisor and other SBIIP interns/volunteers to discuss strategies, issues etc</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Mid Nov – Dec</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Program Evaluation/ Data Collection</b></li> </ol>

List any important information about your agency.

**The intern's home base will be at the Emerging Pathogens Institute located at UF. Our community base includes the Alachua County Health Department (ACHD), Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS) faculty and students from the University of Florida and our 20+ community partners.**

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