

Environmental Health Communications and Community Outreach Internship

College to County Intern 2023 - Healthy Homes and Communities + Vector Control

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2023 - 12 weeks

Hours: 40 hours a week

Telework: Hybrid

Building Physical Location: Lloyd Corporate Plaza 847 NE 19th Ave.
Suite 350 Portland, Oregon 97232

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency:

Yes, for community outreach events and meetings at least 1-2 times per week. A trimet pass can be provided if needed.

What Does Environmental Health Services Do?

Environmental Health Services is part of the Public Health division in the Health Department. We develop programs and advance policies that foster healthy and safe communities. We work to limit exposures to hazardous physical, chemical, biological and other environmental agents that may negatively impact health. Our programs address a variety of environmental risks, such monitoring air quality, carrying out vector control, conducting restaurant inspections, etc. Another key component of our work is outreach to offer information and resources. Our work is grounded in an environmental justice and racial equity lens.

Internship Description & Responsibilities:

This internship will support the community outreach and communication efforts for multiple EHS programs to promote environmental health.

Responsibilities in the role will include:

- Develop communication materials to support program educational efforts using an environmental justice and racial equity lens.
- Attend in-person community outreach events throughout the County, representing environmental health
- Create an outreach event “guidebook” as an internal resource for those representing EHS at community events
- Employ health communication strategies and methods, using in-person and collateral tools to influence diverse audiences or affect change on various health topics and issues
- Interpret and present health and scientific information into clear, accessible, and concise messaging for the general public

Learning Outcomes:

During this internship you can expect to:

- Learn about emerging local environmental health topics such as air pollution, climate change, fish toxics, lead poisoning, and vector control.
- Connect to key staff who can help you deepen your understanding of environmental health and public service.
- Connect community outreach and health promotion to measurable benefits for both the health department and the wider community
- Use your creativity to develop and produce communications tools and materials that will benefit diverse communities in Multnomah County
- Receive valuable feedback on strengths and areas for improvement to forward your health communications career.

Education and Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution.

- Ability to promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to confidently, comfortably, and respectfully talk with diverse audiences, representing the County in public
- Experience with outreach to culturally specific populations is desired but not required
- Proficiency in a second language is desired but not required
- Familiarity with Google Suite (e.g., Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Drive, Docs, and Slides) is desired but not required

Workforce Equity:

Our Commitment to Safety, Trust and Belonging: Multnomah County is committed to developing, nurturing and continually improving workforce equity by identifying and addressing the structural and policy barriers to equal employment opportunity faced by our employees and communities. Learn more by reading our [Workforce Equity Strategic Plan](#) and exploring our [Core Competencies](#) for all County employees.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement: To protect the health of the community and employees, Multnomah County requires employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved medical or religious exemption as a qualification of employment.

The rule applies to all employees, as allowable by law. Candidates who receive an offer of County employment must provide proof of vaccination upon hire or submit an exception request prior to their start date.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.



For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 3, 2023.