



Position: Consumer Health and Food Safety Intern – Investigate Food Violation Trends
Semester: Fall 2019
Location: Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S Country Club Rd
Supervisor: Environmental Health Supervisor, PCHD Consumer Health and Food Safety

Background

Pima County Health Department's Consumer Health & Food Safety (CHFS) Program monitors over 8,500 permitted facilities and an additional 3,114 temporary and special events each year, requiring over 17,000 individual inspections. The program annually records and investigates over 2,000 complaints that require timely inspections. This responsibility requires a concerted commitment to reduce potential risks to members of the public who frequent restaurants, retail food stores, and temporary events. The CHFS program has created an incentive opportunity for food facilities to reduce their fees by 25%.

Position Summary

The Pima County Health Department is seeking a student intern to lead or provide project support on analyzing food violations trends. The strategies and tasks identified for this project include:

- Investigating risk control programs for food facilities
 - Reviewing how effective these programs have been
- Collect data on food violations
- Analyzing data collected through food violation reviews
- Shadow food inspectors in the field to observe application of the process

The position will provide the intern with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in goal setting, collecting/analyzing data, and evaluating processes and outcomes. The intern will also gain experience working with an interdisciplinary team of public health professions.

Preference

The ideal student will be enrolled in a University of Arizona Health Sciences College (Public Health, Pharmacy, Nursing, or Medicine) or other accredited college/university; be able to work independently and in teams; have excellent written and oral communication skills; have strong organizational skills; and be interested in public health administration, policy, and/or program development.

Responsibilities

Recent Graduate or Junior/Senior Level Student:

- Assist in development of project plans and reporting of project status;
- Support project managers to plan, coordinate, and execute the project/tasks efficiently;



- Attend team meetings, assist with agenda, and shadow ride along with food/vector inspector;
- Assist with coordination of internal resources for project;
- Assist project managers with investigating and formulating solutions for data;
- Assist with data collection logistics, including proper preparation of all materials;
- Assist with data entry and analyzing of data;
- Assist in development of method for collecting and analyzing data;
- Assist in development of summary report of all data findings;
- Develop presentation of summary report for all data findings;
- Meet with Site Supervisor weekly to submit completed assignments and discuss progress;
- Comply with all Pima County policies.

Graduate Student:

- Take lead in the development of project plans and reporting of project status along;
- Plan, coordinate, and execute project/tasks with support from project managers;
- Coordinate team meetings, develop the agenda, track follow up activities, and report project status along with other documentation;
- Coordinate internal resources for project as needed;
- Investigate and formulate solutions in conjunction with project managers;
- Coordinate data collection logistics, including proper preparation of all materials;
- Conduct data entry as needed;
- Conduct secondary investigation and literature reviews as needed;
- Develop method for collecting and analyzing data with support from project managers;
- Develop a summary report of all data findings;
- Meet with Preceptor weekly to submit completed assignments and discuss progress;
- Comply with all Pima County policies.

Minimum Qualifications

The minimum qualifications for this student intern position are:

- Currently enrolled with an accredited college or university
- Able to dedicate a minimum of one-semester to the internship
- Reliable transportation – this internship will require travel to different Health Department locations

How to Apply

Submit a completed [internship application](#)

This is an unpaid position with a flexible work schedule.

Immediate submissions are welcome and will be reviewed promptly. This internship position posting will be removed once the position is filled. **No phone calls, please.**