



Position: WIC Outreach; Investigation – Public Health (1 intern)
Semester: Fall 2019
Location: Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Rd.
Supervisor: Program Manager, PCHD Manager of WIC

Background

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. WIC provides nutrition education and enrollment in the Electronic Benefit Card (e-WIC Card) program to purchase nutritional foods designed to supplement the family food budget. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Position Summary

The Pima County Health Department is seeking a student intern to help assist WIC in creating a survey for participants enrolled in e-WIC to identify issues or difficulties participants experience when using the card. The intern will also create an informative food list pamphlet designed to assist participants who may experience cultural or language barriers to identify WIC approved food items when using e-WIC card. The strategies and tasks to be performed through this internship include:

- Create a survey that would assist WIC management with understanding the barriers and issues that participants are having when using their e-WIC card
- Assist in analyzing the survey data and to identify issues
- Assist in identifying and developing interventions and solutions to improve the participant experience using e-WIC card
- Review and evaluate the current food list pamphlet
- Investigate different cultures served by Pima County WIC to understand their cultural food background
 - Create food list that highlights foods that are culturally appropriate
 - Ensure culturally appropriate foods added to the approved food list is available and meets the WIC approved food criteria
- Create a pamphlet that is easy for readers to understand what is and isn't approved by WIC to increase participants desire to use their monthly WIC benefit

The position will provide the intern with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in designing a community intervention – including goal setting, collecting/analyzing data, identifying solutions, pilot-testing an intervention, and monitoring/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, Nutritional Sciences, 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.

This is an unpaid position with a flexible work schedule.

Responsibilities

Recent Graduate or Junior/Senior Level Student:

- Assist in development of project plans and reporting of project status along with other documentation;
- Support project managers to plan, coordinate, and execute the project/tasks efficiently;
- Attend team meetings, assist with agenda, and report project status along with other documentation;
- Assist with coordination of internal resources for project;
- Investigate and formulate solutions for e-WIC issues to assist project managers;
- Develop survey for e-WIC participants, being mindful of language barriers;
- Identify and develop a method for collecting and analyzing data;
- Collection of survey results;
- Record findings and develop presentation for WIC managers of summary of findings;
- Investigate ways to better reach out to WIC participants on exact items they can buy at stores;
- Investigate different cultural backgrounds to better understand foods that would be relatable to user and are WIC approved;
- Develop food list pamphlet that helps users to understand what they can and cannot buy;
- Present food list pamphlet to WIC managers for approval;
- Meet with site supervisor 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:

- Able to dedicate a minimum of one-semester to the internship

How to Apply

Submit a completed [internship application](#)

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.**