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Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities

Partner organization name: Health Center Association of Nebraska

Partner organization website: <https://hcanabraska.org/>

Partner organization brief description:

Health Center Association of Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/uUxKIW32-4I>

- Provides technical assistance and training to community health centers
- Networks with organizations at the regional and national level for healthcare excellence and equity
- Promotes healthcare workforce development, recruitment and retention
- Provides guidance to transform operations and how care is delivered
- Partners with communities to expand services and meet the needs of the medically underserved
- Educates Nebraskans on the mission, services and value of community health centers
- Promotes the cost-effective delivery of affordable, quality primary health care services, with a special emphasis on meeting the needs of uninsured, low income and medically underserved populations

Partner organization's point of contact name and email:

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Description of partner organization's priority opportunities (APEX activities):

Opportunities may include a selection of the tasks listed below, based on student interest and organization priority:

- Partner with workforce development team on initiatives to address concerns including: staff retention, development of healthcare professional pipelines, and partnership development to support development of future healthcare professionals. **(Entry level, hybrid)**
- Collaborate on project management, including monitoring and reporting of project deliverables. Support collection and reporting of outcome measures.
- Assist with grant management, including investigating new grants, supporting completion of grant applications, and collecting data for grant reporting. **(In person - Omaha)**
- Develop teaching and technical assistance materials for a variety of community health center audiences.
- Support efforts of SDOH and health equity team, including work with social health referral technology tools. **(Entry level, hybrid)**
- Analyze and report out on relevant policy and legislative initiatives.

*Note—An affiliation agreement will be required prior to student engagement

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- Support implementation of telebehavioral health program development. **(Opportunity for student that wants to write up or present on the model, can be hybrid or all remote)**
- Build relationships for workforce pipeline with immigrant/refugee organizations **(Entry level, hybrid anywhere in Nebraska)**
- Mini program analysis of medical assistant apprenticeship. **(Hybrid)**
- Develop materials for emergency preparedness peer learning network **(can be hybrid or all remote, best fit for a more advanced student)**
- Explore depression remission quality measure. This would include reviewing evidence-based practice for strategies to improve scores, improve patient follow-up, and finding national leaders to set up a lunch & learn. **(Summer start. Can be hybrid or all remote, best fit for a student with clinical experience)**
- Explore best practices for FIT test returns for colorectal cancer screening. This would include reviewing evidence-based practice for strategies to improve follow-up, exploring partnerships with local providers for colonoscopy follow up, and finding national leaders to set up a lunch & learn. **(Summer start. Can be hybrid or all remote, best fit for a student with clinical experience)**
- Support Outreach & Enrollment team with Medicaid enrollment, including planning of Fall 2024 conference. **(In person – Omaha or Lincoln, especially great for bilingual students)**

Timeframe of proposed activities:

Activities listed above are available throughout the year.

Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:

- Student support of the listed activities will allow our team to achieve more objectives on behalf of our community health centers by expanding our internal capacity.
- Student involvement is important for our staff satisfaction and morale – we look forward to sharing our expertise with students and setting them up for success.

Benefit of proposed activities to the student:

- Students completing their APEX at HCAN can expect to gain an in-depth understanding of community health centers and their role in meeting the health needs of underserved communities.
- Students can expect exposure to a wide variety of activities that will allow them to develop their public health skills within a highly supportive team of professionals.

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Skill sets of students requested:

- Eager to learn
- Adaptability
- Willingness to work with underserved populations

Additional Information (format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location):

In-person preferred (located in Omaha)