

A sampling of *MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH*
field placements available through
The Philadelphia Center:

Eleventh Street Family Health Services; Community Health Intern:

The Eleventh Street Family Health Services of Drexel University (ESFHSDU) operates a nurse-managed health center in an area of north Philadelphia known as the “11th Street Corridor.” The health center grew out of a partnership between the University College of Nursing & Health and the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) to address health issues of the residents of four public housing developments in a medically underserved area. The building is in walking distance of all four housing developments, and provides primary care space for a number of providers to work simultaneously. The health center now provides a full range of FQHC services including primary care, behavioral health and health promotion/ disease prevention services. Terrific opportunity to learn about innovative and community empowering health care options. Intern responsibilities include a wide range of duties that include shadowing a nurse practitioner in primary care; performing chart audits and patient satisfaction surveys; learning to use the electronic medical records system; co-teaching in after-school programs; making and distributing flyers throughout the community; delivering welcome baskets; helping with clothing drives; writing and directing video on the health center; and more. Perfect for students interested in public health policy and practices, nurse-managed health care, nursing, or a medical career.

Maternity Care Coalition MOMobile; Advocate: Maternity Care Coalition’s mission is to improve maternal and child health and well-being through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers and communities. MCC’s MOMobile Program began in 1989 as a community-based outreach and family support program for pregnant women, new parents, infants and their families. Community health workers called MOMobile Advocates help families negotiate health care and social service systems, linking them to prenatal care, pediatric and women’s health care, no cost or low cost health insurance for children, behavioral health services, nutrition programs and other community resources. Advocates also facilitate voter registration, cultural mediation and disseminate welfare to work information. Advocates provide health education (including HIV prevention and lead poisoning reduction) and case management to families through the new baby’s first birthday. Students interested in social work, human service, public health, health, counseling, advocacy, and working with families would benefit from placement at the Maternity Care Coalition.

The Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group; Intern: The Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group (PennPIRG) offers internships to motivated students seeking a challenge outside of the traditional classroom setting. When consumers are cheated, public health or safety is threatened, or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists, PennPIRG speaks up and takes action. PennPIRG uncovers threats to public health and well-being and fights to end them, using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposes, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation. PennPIRG’s mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented public interest activism that encourages a fair, sustainable economy and fosters

responsive, democratic government. PennPIRG represents 8,000 citizen members across the state. Intern candidates must be concerned about public interest issues and public policy, be highly motivated and energetic, must enjoy working with other people, have excellent verbal and written communication skills, and must have a desire to make a difference. Interns work on projects to win more affordable prescription drug prices for the uninsured, eliminate wasteful government spending and unfair corporate tax loopholes, and protect consumers' financial privacy.

Philadelphia Health Management Corporation; Program Assistant: through outreach, education, research, planning, technical assistance, and direct services. PHMC is committed to helping people placed at greater risk of disease or injury as a result of issues related to poverty, age, sex, race or ethnicity, disability, lack of access to appropriate care, and lifestyle habits. Founded in 1972, PHMC is a leader and a catalyst for positive change in the health and social service delivery system in Southeastern PA. PHMC's diverse range of work spans the public health spectrum, including violence prevention, early intervention service coordination, addictions services, health promotion and disease prevention, and services for the homeless. PHMC provides direct services to children, adolescents, families, homeless populations, persons at risk of HIV infection, substance abusers, and others in need of health care and social services. Forensic Intensive Recovery (FIR) provides for public safety via substance abuse treatment. Student duties may include assessment and case management. This involves conducting interviews, connecting individuals with resources, and performing service planning and discharge planning. Opportunity to attend professional training sessions. Candidate should be a dedicated, knowledgeable individual with the ability to be a team player. Additional opportunities are available for interns to work in Housing (perform home checks to see if houses are conducive environments for success) and Evaluations (go to prisons and conduct assessments of clients).

Sayre High School; Peer Health Education Intern: The Center for Community Partnerships is the University of Pennsylvania's primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of human knowledge needed to solve the complex, interconnected problems of the American city -- so that West Philadelphia, Philadelphia, and the University itself benefit. Sayre High School is a hub of activities and program connecting University-School-Community to address health, economic, and education disparities. The student will have direct program development and implementation including school day and after school on a variety of topic/issues (nutrition, sexual health, violence, neuroscience, health careers, arts and culture, etc...); research funding for youth development programs; catalogue research outreach sites for peer health education activities; shadow meeting in the community and at Penn. This is a concrete hands-on experience with issues related to urban health and education. The intern will bridge theory and practice (especially social sciences, education, community development, women's studies, African American studies, health services, public health).