

The Health Effect Fellowship

The Health Effect is designed to impact “whole child, whole school, and whole community” through strategic collaborations that increase the collective capacity for all children to succeed in school and thrive in their communities. This unique opportunity allows MPH students to develop educational, advocacy and leadership skills for the care of underserved populations in Little Haiti, Overtown and Liberty City.

The MPH student fellow interested to be part of this fellowship should have direct interest in the core areas of child/adolescent health, active living lifestyles, nutrition and dietetics, and community health education. The fellow should have the ability to motivate and engage members in ways that result in positive health and wellness outcomes.

Responsibilities will include:

- Collect, analyze and utilize health-related data to identify areas of greatest opportunity for change.
- Perform community outreach activities, such as facilitating workshops, classroom presentations, social-emotional support groups, and other events on building a culture of health and making gains in areas related to health promotion.
- Establish baseline and measurement criteria, evaluate programs, and report results.
- Use assessment tools provided to audit the physical space, environment, and communications promoting healthy behaviors, to assist participants in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.
- Collaborate with the MDCPS teachers, staff and administration to assess community capacity and community needs.
- Refer participants, as appropriate, to mental health and physical health services.
- Maintain accurate records of interviews, assessments and safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects, as necessary.
- Commit to 20 hours/week of on-site work in one of the three priority communities: Little Haiti, Overtown or Liberty City.

Benefits/Award:

- Educational stipend of \$5000 per academic year (\$2500 per semester during the Fall and Spring).
- MPH /HPDP students may use fellowship projects to satisfy MPH practicum requirements (pending permission from Ms. Greer, the practicum coordinator).

Required Eligibility Criteria:

- Full-time Stempel College student. Though all Stempel students are eligible, preference will be given to graduate students in the Maternal and Child Health concentration.
- Good Academic Standing.
- Excellent written and communication skills.
- Have access to transportation and ability to readily travel to Little Haiti, Overtown or Liberty City.
- Successfully complete a level II background check, including fingerprinting through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Note: this background must be complete before the first day of school, which varies every year.

Preferred skills

- Bilingual: Haitian-Creole or Spanish speakers preferred.
- Interest in health equity, public health, health disparities and community-based research.

Additional Information

Ongoing guidance and support will be provided throughout the fellowship to ensure students are able to successfully meet the above deliverable obligations.

Ideally, students will serve as fellows for one year (fall and spring semesters). However, the award may be renewed for more than two semesters based on the program's need.

Requirements for application

Interested students must submit a one- or two-page personal statement with required specifications as soon as the Semester starts in MS Word and a current resume or CV.

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