Practicum Placement Opportunity
Developing Policy Materials

You’re reading this posting, so you clearly have an interest in public health, but are you:

- Energized by developing ideas based on the best available information?
- Excited by working on a variety of issues?
- Comfortable working in an open, collaborative, team-based environment?

If you can answer yes, we might have a spot for you. CPHA is looking for two great students to fill unpaid practicum positions working on policy topics.

Candidates should be enrolled in a Masters of Public Health (MPH) or equivalent degree program in Canada. We will also consider fourth year students in a health science program that requires a practicum placement.

You’ll help CPHA develop its policy-related positions and documents through a combination of independent and group-based activities that could include:

- Conducting literature reviews and analysis of public health topics of interest to the Association;
- Preparing draft versions of position papers, briefing notes and other related materials;
- Preparing blog postings for our web site; and
- Supporting the logistics and organizational needs of CPHA’s policy-related activities.

To accomplish this work, you’ll use and develop the following skills: literature searching; quantitative and qualitative data analysis; science and policy integration; and communications including writing for a general audience, social media and webpage content. Oral and written fluency in both of Canada’s Official Languages is a highly-valued asset.

Learning outcomes for you include:

- Experience working with a national, non-governmental, not-for-profit association;
- Knowledge of and contribution to the advancement of CPHA’s vision and mission;
- Experience in implementing partnership, collaboration and advocacy strategies;
- Experience working on public health issues/initiatives with a variety of stakeholders;
- Experience in the preparation of briefings/reports in support of policy development and advocacy; and
- Knowledge of public health issues, social determinants of health and health promotion approaches.

Compensation: This position is an unpaid practicum placement.

Period of Work: This practicum placement is available between January and May 2021, dependent upon program requirements and student availability. Incumbents may work full-time (7.25 hours/day; five days a week), however, there is flexibility to work part-time provided the requirements for their practicum placement are met.

Please send your CV, a cover letter, and a letter of support from your academic supervisor to the CPHA Office Manager at manager@cpha.ca by Monday 5 October 2020. Please note that all applications will be reviewed, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be notified.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, CPHA is supporting employees with flexible work from home arrangements to help them meet the multiple demands on their time – from childcare, to work, to concern about family and friends. If physical distancing protocols are still in place, in-person interviews will be replaced with phone or video interviews.

CPHA is committed to providing accommodations for people with a disability in all aspects of the recruitment and selection process in accordance with Accessibility for Ontarians with a Disabilities Act (AODA 2005). As required, please inform the Office Manager of the nature of any accommodation(s) that you may require to ensure your equal participation.

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