

# H RTP: A Public Health Internship Program

## Training Future Generations of Public Health Professionals

### What Is H RTP ?

H RTP: A Public Health Internship Program at the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is one of the oldest and largest local public health internships in the country. For over 50 years, students have been able to experience real-life challenges of public health and apply classroom learning to practical problems. H RTP interns learn new skills and better understand public health by working on current public health problems under close supervision of experienced researchers and public health leaders.

H RTP interns are assigned to nearly every division of the Health Department. H RTP interns may learn, practice and use a variety of skills. Projects may involve: data collection, data analysis, research, policy analysis, program planning, community outreach, training development and health education. These opportunities may assist students in fulfilling practica internship or field placement and service-learning requirements. H RTP interns also may attend trainings and meetings; meet and network with public health leaders and students; and make life-long colleagues and friends. H RTP encourages students to view their internships as an opportunity to explore a career path at a local health department.

### ELIGIBILITY

H RTP is open to students, from all academic disciplines, enrolled as matriculated undergraduate, graduate or professional degree programs at an accredited U.S. college or university.

Applicants must be in good academic standing (GPA above 3.0).

For full consideration, H RTP must receive the following on or before the deadline:

- o **Completed electronic application**
- o **Current school transcript**
- o **Personal essay**
- o **Letter of recommendation**
- o **Current resume**

### PROGRAM GOALS

- To orient students to the principles and practices of public health planning, policy, research, administration and evaluation
- To broaden students' concept of public health by increasing their awareness of the needs, challenges and career opportunities in the field
- To assist the Health Department in recruiting skilled, professional candidates with proven potential

**Students may apply to any of the three sessions.**

Session	Hours	Application Period
Summer	20-35 hours a week	Jan. 15 to Feb. 15
Fall*	10-20 hours a week	July 15 to Aug. 15
Spring*	10-20 hours a week	Oct. 15 to Nov. 15

\*New York City residency required



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