



WHO ARE INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY HEALTH SCHOLARS?

Interdisciplinary Community Health Scholars are health professions students interested in working with rural and medically underserved populations. They use the training and skill sets of their respective disciplines to create unique, comprehensive solutions to health disparities impacting local communities.

ICHS participants spend eight weeks of their summer working part time in teams. These teams develop and implement projects that have a direct impact on the health status of medically underserved communities.

ICHS participants will work primarily with medically underserved populations and the community partners who care for them.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN ICHS?

- Students will receive a **\$2,500** stipend paid over the course of the eight week program. Stipends are subject to applicable taxes.
- Students *may* be eligible to receive elective course credit/field experience from their respective academic programs for their participation (pending approval of advisor and/or field placement coordinator).
- Participation provides an excellent experience to include on résumés and contacts for possible future career opportunities.
- Limited travel stipends (beyond commuting to/from the AHEC office) are available.

Gulfoast South AHEC

Gulfoast South Area Health Education Center, Inc. (GSAHEC) is a not for profit organization affiliated with the University of South Florida AHEC Program.

Established in 1995, GSAHEC serves Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. We inspire, train, recruit and retain a diverse and broad range of health professionals to practice in communities where the need is greatest.

GSAHEC is part of the Florida AHEC Network which includes five AHEC programs at each of the state's five medical schools and 10 centers covering all 67 counties in Florida.

During the FY 07-08 Florida Legislature session, the Florida AHEC Network was awarded funding to educate health profession students and health care professionals on the dangers of tobacco and to develop cessation programs for users who want to quit.

The AHEC Tobacco Training and Cessation (A.T.T.A.C.) program was developed and implemented in collaboration with our community and academic partners.

Please contact us for more information.



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GULFOAST SOUTH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER



Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.



Serving the counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota



WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF THE ICHS PROGRAM?

Students will work in a team to implement a community-based project. Past projects have involved:

- presentations to community members on a variety of health related topics
- development of public service announcements (PSAs)
- grant writing
- conducting focus groups
- development of curricula for middle school and high school audiences
- community surveys

ICHS projects are focused on tobacco's impact on our local communities. As the leading contributor to morbidity and mortality in the United States, healthcare professionals are regularly confronted with the consequences of their patients' tobacco use. Projects will involve some level of each of the following: research, presentations, data collection and analysis, and material creation. Experience with Microsoft Office programs is recommended. Appropriate business attire is required.



WHEN DOES ICHS TAKE PLACE?

- 8 hours per day each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between May 31 - July 21, 2011.
- Attendance is mandatory.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

ICHS is limited to 6 participants. Health professions students from a variety of primary care and related disciplines are eligible to participate:

- medical students between first and second years of medical school (rising second years)
- first and second year pharmacy students
- upper level undergraduate and graduate nursing students
- upper level undergraduate and graduate public health and/or social work students
- dental hygiene students
- occupational and physical therapy assistant students
- select upper level undergraduate pre-health professions students



WHERE WILL ICHS TAKE PLACE?

Participants will be based at Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center (GSAHEC) in Sarasota and work in the GSAHEC service area (Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties). Laptops with a wireless connection are recommended but not required.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR ICHS?

- Complete an application for ICHS. Applications are available online at www.gsahec.org/ICHS.htm
- Include your current resume.
- Include a letter of reference from an advisor/instructor familiar with your academic work.
- Enclose a set of official transcripts along with your completed application and letter of recommendation.
- Mail, email or fax the above four documents to the contact listed below by the application deadline.

Individuals will be informed of their status following review of applications. Select candidates will be invited to interview with AHEC staff.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ICHS IS APRIL 8, 2011.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Direct questions and application packets for the Gulfcoast South AHEC ICHS Program to:

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