

Addictions Prevention Internship

College to County Intern 2025 - Behavioral Health Division

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2025 - Starting in June - 12 weeks

Hours: 20 - 40 hours a week

Telework: *Hybrid*

Building Physical Location: 209 SW 4th Ave. Suite 520, Portland, OR 97204

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency:No

TriMet Passes are available if transportation to County facilities is required.

Eligibility requirements and more details found on our College to County [website](#).

What Does the Addictions Prevention Team Do?

The Addictions Prevention program within the Behavioral Health Division is tasked with the development of a strategic plan that will reduce the prevalence of substance use and problem gambling disorders in our community. We do this by creating messaging and programming that will reduce risk factors and bolster protective factors for all of our county residents. This internship will be housed within a team that is working to empower youth to change the narrative of substances within our community, as well as develop prevention messages that will be accessible for the diverse community of Multnomah County.

Internship Description & Responsibilities:

- Support our youth-led prevention initiatives by facilitating youth coalition meetings, taking notes, and supporting youth in completing individual tasks.
- Working with local prevention providers and culturally specific organizations to expand current problem gambling and substance use campaign messaging for target audiences.
- Coordinate the Big Village Coalition in the future development of their KEEP IT SAFE messaging that will reach a more diverse audience through an array of media options (social media, print, newsletters, etc).
- Participate in general outreach events and research opportunities for community event engagement.
- Explore behavioral health prevention and postvention through shadowing team members.

Learning Outcomes:

- A broad understanding of primary prevention, and the intersection between behavioral health and public health strategies.
- Skills to build coalitions across communities and organizations.
- Evidence-based strategies in youth engagement.
- Knowledge of evidence based and culturally responsive primary prevention strategies, along with multiple course certificates.
- Experience in meeting facilitation, media and messaging development, and public speaking.

Education and Minimum Qualifications:

- The ability to speak Spanish or having lived experience from Black/African American/African Refugee/Latino/a/x communities is a preference.
- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution.
- Promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))

- Be excited about learning and using creative technologies.
- Have the ability to work independently with minimal supervision as well as the ability to collaborate within a team environment.
- Communicate, understand, and follow written and oral instructions; ask questions if unclear.
- Be flexible, cooperative, and able to adapt and thrive in a changing environment.

Workforce Equity:

Our Commitment to Safety, Trust and Belonging: Multnomah County is committed to developing, nurturing and continually improving workforce equity by identifying and addressing the structural and policy barriers to equal employment opportunity faced by our employees and communities. Learn more by reading our [Workforce Equity Strategic Plan](#) and exploring our [Core Competencies](#) for all County employees.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 15th, 2025.

