

Health - Public Health Prevention Internship

Job Requisition	R-19385 Health - Public Health Prevention Internship (Evergreen) (Open)
Job Family	Interns
Start Date	04/03/2026
End Date	04/10/2026
Primary Posting Description	No

Current employees: Please apply through the employee portal to be considered for this opportunity.

Pay Range:

\$16.30 - \$30.00 Hourly

Department:

Health Department

Job Type:

Intern

Exemption Status:

United States of America (Non-Exempt)

Closing Date (Open Until Filled if No Date Specified):

April 09, 2026

The Opportunity:

Public Health Prevention Internship

College to County Internship 2025 - Health Department, Public Health Division, Prevention and Health Promotion

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2026 - Starting in June - 12 weeks

Hours: 40 hours a week

Telework: Hybrid, in person work more than telework

Building Physical Location: Office = Wednesdays at Gateway, and Sundays at People's Market

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency: N/A

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 Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Unit Do?

Bring your interest in Public Health and a desire to contribute to health promotion programs in our local community to this internship with the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (PHP) unit of the Public Health Division of the Multnomah County Health Department. This internship focuses on supporting community food access, youth engagement, and culturally responsive programming through initiatives such as the People's Farmers Market in Rockwood and related outreach efforts.

Our unit is made up of three programs:

Community and Adolescent Health (CAH):

- Our work is upstream prevention. This means we look at the root causes of violence and work to address them to prevent violence from impacting people in the future. We work with young people (ages 10-24), who are the most impacted by violence in Multnomah County. We support youth-driven activities, projects and events that are done in partnership with trusted adults (teachers, mentors, coaches, etc.)

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH):

- REACH works with local organizations, other government programs and agencies, businesses and community members to prevent chronic disease and improve the collective health of Black and African communities (including immigrants and refugees) of Multnomah County.
- We also work with the ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change) Coalition. Multnomah County's REACH program focuses on three strategy areas: Nutrition, Physical Activity and Built Environment, and Breastfeeding.

Tobacco Control and Prevention (TCPP):

- The Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) which handles licensing, inspections/enforcement, and training for the 700+ licensed tobacco retailers in the county.
- The Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP), funded by Oregon Health Authority (OHA), which works to help promote tobacco prevention and cessation through Policy, Systems and Environmental strategies. These strategies include partnering with community based organizations, as well as schools and county health clinics; media campaigns; and policy promotion at the local and state level.

Internship Opportunity:

Gain hands-on public health experience while supporting community-based food access, youth engagement, and health equity initiatives. The intern will contribute to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the People's Farmers Market in Rockwood and related community programming. This includes working with youth, families, vendors, and community partners to promote healthy eating, social connection, and economic opportunity. Based on the intern's skills and interests, internship activities and deliverables will be finalized collaboratively from the options below.

Community Engagement & Youth-Focused Programming

- Support planning, coordination, and implementation of the People's Farmers Market in Rockwood
- Support market-day operations, setup, and breakdown
- Join PHP staff at community events such as Juneteenth, Reclaiming Black Joy, Pride NW, and Portland Parks & Recreation summer programs
- Support outreach to promote food access programs and community resources
- Assist in developing youth-centered activities related to food justice, nutrition, and community wellness at the People's Farmers Market
- Help facilitate youth engagement workshops, listening sessions, or creative projects
- Promote safe and welcoming "third spaces" for young people
- Collaborate with youth advisory groups when applicable

Training Development

- Review and provide feedback on outreach materials, trainings and educational resources
- Support Staff in developing culturally responsive programming

REACH Communications and Outreach

- Support distribution of flyers, social media content, and promotional materials
- Assist with documenting People's Farmers market activities through photos, stories, and reports
- Help collect community feedback and testimonials
- Support short-term outreach campaigns focused on food access and youth engagement

REACH Food Access, Community Health & Policy Research

- Review policies related to farmers markets, SNAP and Double Up food Ducks Participation
- Support evaluation of barriers to participation (permits, fees, transportation, language access, etc)
- Help identify policy and system level opportunities to strengthen community food programs

REACH Data Collection and Program Evaluation

- Assist with tracking attendance and community engagement
- Support survey development and data collection for market evaluation
- Contribute to summary reports and recommendations

Schedule/Logistics:

Our REACH office is located at 10305 E Burnside St, Portland, OR 97216. We would expect an intern to work in-person as much as possible, but at minimum on Wednesdays our team's in-office day and the intern will be required to be in person on Sundays at the Farmers Market from 12-4pm and expected to stand for long hours under various weather conditions.

Minimum Qualifications and Education:

- Candidates should have completed within one year or enrolled in a college/university academic institution.
- Pursuing degree in public health, health-related including social service, and communications
- College to County Program [Eligibility Website](#)
- Promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))

In accordance with [Oregon Law](#), Multnomah County is not collecting school attendance dates in the initial application process; please do not include these dates in your resume, cover letter and other application materials.

Diversity and Inclusion: At Multnomah County, we don't just accept difference; we value it and support it to create a culture of dignity and respect for our employees.

We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer. We evaluate qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran or protected veteran status, genetic information and other legally protected characteristics. The [EEO Know Your Rights poster](#) is available for your reference. Multnomah County is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor. We request priority protected veteran referrals.

Veterans' Preference: Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference. Review our [veterans' preference page](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

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.

Questions?

Recruiter:

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Application information may be used throughout the entire selection process. This process is subject to change without notice.

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Job Profile:

8007 - College Intern

Worker Sub-Type	Intern
Location	Gateway Children's Center MDT Building
Time Type	Full time
Locations	
Supervisory Organization	REACH Program (Amina Sheikh-Wali)