

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

H RTP: A Public Health Internship Program

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Eligibility criteria

H RTP is open to students enrolled as matriculated undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs at an accredited 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:

1. Completed electronic application
2. Official school transcripts
3. Personal Essay
4. Recommendation
5. Curriculum Vitae/Résumé

Time Commitment

Summer Session

- Full-Time: Maximum of 35 hours/week for 10-12 weeks
- Part-Time: Minimum of 20 hours/week for 10-12 weeks

Fall/ Spring Session

- Part-Time **Only**; New York City residency requirement
 - Minimum of 10 hours/week;
 - Maximum of 20 hours/week

Application Deadlines

- Fall Session: August 15
- Spring Session: November 15
- Summer Session: February 15

Applications are available on our website: <http://www.nyc.gov/health/hrtplib>

H RTP: A Public Health Internship Program at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is one of the oldest and largest local public health traineeships in the country!

For over 50 years, students have had the opportunity to experience some of the "real life" challenges of public health and apply classroom learning to practical problems. In this process, H RTP interns learn new skills and acquire a greater understanding of public health by working on current public health problems under close supervision of experienced researchers and public health leaders.

The goals of the program are:

- 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 DOHMH in recruiting skilled, professional candidates with proven potential.

Students are assigned to nearly every division of the DOHMH, including Disease Control, Epidemiology, Environmental Health, and Mental Hygiene. Students learn, practice, and use a variety of skills and work on collecting data, data analysis, research, outreach, education, and many other responsibilities. These opportunities often assist students in fulfilling practica, internship/ field placement, and service-learning requirements.

Students also have the opportunity to attend trainings and meetings; meet and network with public health leaders, a variety of students; and make life-long colleagues and friends. Many students are hired back as staff at the agency, and H RTP encourages students to view their internships as an opportunity to explore a career path at a local health department!

H RTP welcomes applications from students from all academic disciplines!