



## **Interning at the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What internships are offered at the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade?**

We are proud to offer both clinical and non-clinical internships. Clinical internships are offered in the following areas: Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC). Non-Clinical internship areas are offered in the following programs: Epidemiology, Environmental Health, WIC and Nutrition, Legal, Public Health Preparedness, STD/HIV Prevention and Control Program and Community Health & Planning.

### **How can I apply for an internship?**

All prospective interns must fill out an application to be considered available on this site. Once the application is received and reviewed you may be contacted for an interview if space is available. A Level 2 Background screening/fingerprinting is required for all interns. This is completed by our Human Resources Department and you will be contacted to schedule an appointment if needed.

Send your completed information to [contact.miamidade@flhealth.gov](mailto:contact.miamidade@flhealth.gov). Be sure to specify the program for which you are applying in both your email and on your application form.

### **What are the qualifying criteria for being an intern?**

To intern with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and ability to travel locally, and currently be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies at a college or university. Each program may also have additional criteria that prospective interns must meet in order to be selected (For example, all Epidemiology interns must be enrolled in graduate level public health studies).

### **Is the internship at the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County a paid internship?**

No. Students do not receive any monetary compensation for interning with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County.

### **Does my reference have to provide a letter of recommendation, or just fill out the reference form?**

Your reference is only required to fill out the reference form, *however*, they may write a letter of recommendation if they wish.

### **What is the difference between an intern and a volunteer?**

An intern is a student who is enrolled in a university and is completing a practicum, or field work, in order to comply with their program's graduation requirements. Interns generally have to log a certain number of field hours and complete a final project within their program. This process is facilitated by a health department employee who acts as the intern's preceptor and mentor. Volunteers do not have to be enrolled in a university to help out at the Health Department, and are not required to complete a project that is reflective of any field of study.