



**Interning with Epidemiology, Disease Control & Immunization Services (EDC-IS)  
At the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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

You can apply for an internship with us by filling out the application documents that are also available on this site. You will need to fill out the intern application questionnaire, have a professor or supervisor fill out the reference form, and write a personal essay. You can then send these documents to the EDC-IS Senior Health Educator at [emily.moore@flhealth.gov](mailto:emily.moore@flhealth.gov). Be sure to also include your CV or résumé.

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

We here at EDC-IS generally accept interns who are pursuing an MPH, MSPH, or MD/MPH degree. It is also generally advisable that the prospective intern have at least one semester of graduate level public health study under his/her belt before applying. We also assess students' interest in and enthusiasm for epidemiology, knowledge of Florida's reportable diseases, qualitative and quantitative skills, and past public health service experiences.

**What activities does EDC-IS require during the internship?**

All EDC-IS interns are required to complete 250 hours (although they are allowed to extend their internship to 325 hours if it is approved by their preceptor). All interns also participate in 4 educational breakout sessions which focus on developing different public health skills. The intern must complete a final project during their semester with EDC-IS, and must present their project to staff at the end of the semester. All interns also must be able and willing to travel locally.

**I'm interested in doing my internship with the Health Department, but I'm interested in programs outside of Epidemiology. Can I still apply?**

Yes! If you are interested in doing your internship with Public Health Preparedness, Community Health & Planning, Environmental Health, or any other program within the health department, you can still send in your application information to the Senior Health Educator at the email address given above. In your email, clearly state your interests and which program you'd like to work with, and you will be referred to that program if there is an open intern position available. Or, you may contact that program directly to talk to them about their internship opportunities.

**How many internship terms does EDC-IS offer during the year?**

We offer Spring (January – April), Summer (May – August), and Fall (September – December) internships.



**What are the deadlines for submitting my completed application documents?**

Spring semester application deadline: October 31<sup>st</sup>

Summer semester application deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>

Fall semester application deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>

**My school does not require me to complete a final project as a part of my practicum. Would I still have to complete a final project as part of my internship?**

Yes. All interns, regardless of their school's requirements, have to complete a final project and present their work to EDC-IS staff.

**Is the internship with EDC-IS 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.

**I applied for an internship with EDC-IS and I was not selected. May I apply again next semester?**

Of course! We encourage all students who were not selected to try again. Because of varying disease trends and changes in public health needs, you might not have been selected because the program was not in need of your particular skill set at that time, or simply because we do not have sufficient space in our offices to host all the interns we'd like to bring on. These situations can change over the course of a semester.

**Do you have questions that weren't answered here?** You can call the EDC-IS Senior Health Educator at 305-470-6918, or send an email to [emily.moore@flhealth.gov](mailto:emily.moore@flhealth.gov)