INTERNSHIP REQUEST FORM
Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS)

- **Internship Position Title:** Workforce Competencies Intern

- **Number of Interns needed:** 1-2

- **Website and/or overview of the program:**

The Missouri Council for Public Health Nursing (MCPHN) and the DHSS Public Health Nursing Coordinator (Rachelle Collinge, RN, MPH) work to address issues related to public health nursing practice in Missouri. The MCPHN is a statewide advisory council to DHSS, which consists of 25 members from local public health agencies (LPHAs), DHSS, and Academia. The MCPHN 2016-2021 strategic plan includes two strategies: 1) Assure quality education for current and future public health nurses and 2) Advocate for the value of public health nurses. This internship will focus on phase 1 implementation of activities under objectives 1.1 (Increase the number of trainings and resources available to public health nurses) and objective 1.2 (Increase awareness of the Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies).

- **Internship objectives:**
  - Utilize the Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies to develop standardized public health nursing position descriptions for Missouri.
  - Lead a diverse team of public health nurses in the creation and implementation of public health nursing orientation and continuing education standards for public health nurses in Missouri local and state public health agencies.
  - Create a 30-60 minute overview training on the Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies focused to new public health nurses.
  - Understand the Missouri public health system through a diverse variety of shadowing experiences in state and local health departments.

- **Internship details**

  The workforce competencies intern will report to the DHSS Public Health Nursing Coordinator within the Center for Local Public Health Services (CLPHS), in the Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH). The intern will also work closely with the MCPHN members and workgroups, primarily via conference calls and WebEx, but attendance at the quarterly meetings is also expected. Nursing or healthcare background is not required for this position but could be beneficial. This internship is primarily project based, but if the intern is able to travel they would be provided the opportunity to job shadow and attend various meetings throughout DCPH and in LPHAs to increase understanding of the Missouri public health system and workforce needs in Missouri.
This project would be most beneficial to students focused on careers in administration, program management, public health nursing, or system level positions.

- **Area(s) of interest/major(s):** MPH, Healthcare Administration, or Nursing

- **When is the position(s) offered?**
  - **Start date:** Open
  - **End date:** Open

- **Hours required (internships are typically 300 - 400 hours total)?** The project will be adjusted to meet the intern’s specific requirements.

- **Location:** Primarily work from home with in-person meetings as needed at DHSS, 920 Wildwood, Jefferson City, MO. Some travel will be required based on various shadowing experiences and meetings of interest.

- **Pay/stipend:** No.

- **Travel required:** Some travel will be required based on various shadowing experiences and meetings of interest.

- **Transportation:** Intern must be able to get to and from the DHSS building in Jefferson City on multiple occasions.

- **Housing:** Not available

- **Application deadline:** Open until filled.

- **Interested students should contact:**

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