



Organization Name:

Empowerment Systems Inc.

Organization Background:

The Empowerment Learning Collaborative is a program of Empowerment Systems Inc., formerly known as the Greater Valley Area Health Education Center (GVAHEC). We are a community- based health and human service agency. We work throughout Maricopa and Pinal County to support the development of a diverse workforce of health professionals. We work with partners to support services within rural and urban underserved communities to provide access to health related resources based on the public health Eight Dimensions of Wellness model promoting: physical, occupational, social, emotional, intellectual, financial, environmental, and spiritual wellness. We do this through partnering in at- risk communities and establish an ecosystem of care, filling in the gaps of service delivery and providing interns hands- on experience facilitating community outreach, health education promotion, and wrap around resource navigation on- site and at partner organizations throughout the valley.

Internship Project Title

The Center @ Empowerment Systems- Apache Junction

Project Description:

Based on the public health Eight Dimensions of Wellness model, we are building a system of care to support a comprehensive “One- Stop” drop in center for health and humans services. We will be focusing on barrier removal and access to basic needs, education, and resource and referral coordination. As a collective of partners in community we hope to track outcomes for micro service delivery, mezzo partnership impact, macro- level systems change to support long- term impact in the rural Apache Junction community. Interns committed to working within a rural setting with individuals experiencing global health disparities, inclusive of mental health and substance abuse, are a perfect fit to conduct health needs assessments, develop partner relationships, facilitate resource navigation/ referrals, and develop a system for data analysis. We will be assessing community needs, coordination of care, and engagement to services, measuring the outcomes of engagement, an increased access to basic care, and the impact of services on overall community health within this region. With evidence- based data we hope to replicate the model of service delivery with developing health interns in other highly marginalized communities.

Internship project keywords (check all that apply).

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| ☒ Health Disparities | ☐ Maternal/Infant Health |
| ☒ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Tobacco Use |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☒ Injury/Violence Prevention |
| ☒ Collaborations with University | ☐ Immunization |
| ☒ Community health service | ☐ Infectious Disease |
| ☒ Physical Activity | ☐ Oral Health |
| ☒ Substance Abuse | ☒ Evaluation |
| ☒ Mental Health | ☐ Policy Development |
| ☒ Access to care | ☒ Program Planning |
| ☒ Nutrition | ☒ Data Analysis |
| ☒ Reproductive/Sexual Health | ☐ Other Click or tap here to enter text. |
| ☒ Environmental Health | |

When: When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.

- ☒ Fall Semester
- ☒ Spring Semester
- ☒ Summer Term
- ☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.
- ☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: _____

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 2066 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, Az 85120
Address where Student will work (if different from above): varied partner sites in Pinal/Maricopa (hybrid)

☒ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

An individual with experience or interested in working with an underserved- diverse population in community. Has strong community engagement experience and public speaking. Has comfort doing community outreach or engagement supporting individuals experiencing health and social disparities such as: food, housing or mental health needs, including substance abuse.

Level of Expertise Needed: Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern?

Undergraduate: The internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice.

Graduate: Applied experiences for graduate students should require application of advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems and the production of at least two agency-based deliverables.

Both experiences prepare students for future employment.

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☐ Either

Supervision

Angelina Alfaro, Director of Programs- Empowerment Systems Learning Collaborative. Social Work practice with 20+ years of experience working within public health sector supporting program development and community planning within urban and rural underserved communities. Emphasis on the social determinants of health and implications on individual wellness, violence, and criminal behavior in community.

Compensation/Benefits/Professional Development

Non- paid internship, professional networking and training assistance available as needed.

Application Contact Information

Please apply via email to: Angelina Alfaro

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Please include resume and letter of interest