



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

Organization Name

El Rio Community Health Center
Congress Health Center
Birth and Women's Health Center

Level of Expertise Needed

Undergraduate public health program intern

Internship Project Title

Perinatal Data Registry Project Specialist

Project Description

Working with the Director of Midwifery, as well as a Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, the intern will process all data collection worksheets and input the data into the Perinatal Data Registry. The Perinatal Data Registry is an online data collection tool designed to prospectively document the unique aspects of midwifery care and the outcomes of the care provided to women in the health centers. It is the largest database of birth center-associated health outcomes in the country, and will allow us to evaluate the care we give in a broader context, make quality improvements, and seek funding for future projects.

This internship will provide maternal child health programming experience to the intern. After completion of the internship, the intern will be able to design and implement specific maternal child health interventions based on the knowledge of their efficacy in our practice. Though the data processing is the bulk of the work in the internship, we will also provide direct observation of midwifery care.

Student Characteristics

Maternal Child Health Focused, with an interest in gaining research and data processing skills. Detail oriented, organized, inquisitive, ethical, enthusiastic. The intern will have access to PHI so will have to undergo confidentiality training.

Background of Organization

El Rio Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 80,000 people in Tucson each year. Since 1976, Certified Nurse Midwives have been serving the health center's mission to provide affordable, innovative and effective health care. El Rio Community Health Center has midwives in two of its health centers: Congress and the Birth and Women's. The midwives provide safe and satisfying maternity care to

indigent and affluent women alike, delivering more than 1000 babies per year in Pima County. Our patients come from diverse backgrounds and have a variety of health risk factors, yet our rates of pregnancy and birth complications (such as cesarean section) are well below the national average. Collecting the data in the Perinatal Data Registry, allows us to document and potentially reproduce the model of care. This has national implications for the future of maternal-child health, cost of care and access to effective models of health care delivery in the United States.

Where

The project will be located at the Congress Midwives. Though based at the Congress Health Center, the intern may need to travel to the Birth and Women's Center, and to the Manning House, El Rio's administrative HQ.

When

The work is on-going. Every patient who presents for maternity care with midwives in the health centers has a PDR file. The file is opened at entry to care and closed after the outcome data is obtained.

Ideally, we would prefer an intern who can commit to two semesters.

Supervision

The intern will work with Greta Gill, a Certified Nurse Midwife and the Director of the Midwifery Department at El Rio.

Intern Title

Perinatal Data Registry Project Specialist

Compensation/Benefits

We do not have any compensation available.

Application Contact Information

Please send an email inquiry to the Director of Midwifery Gretag@elrio.org