



Organization Name:

Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center

Organization Background:

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center (APDIC) is a center of excellence at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. The APDIC was established over 60 years ago in 1955 by Dr. Picchioni, a local pharmacist, and serves the entire state of Arizona outside of Maricopa County. The APDIC works to keep Arizonans healthy and safe, and provide the expert medical knowledge they need when they have a poison emergency. The center is staffed by an array of experts, including clinical pharmacists and certified specialists in poison information, clinical and medical toxicologists, genetic counselors, and a health educator.

The APDIC has a robust public outreach program that provides poison prevention services to the entire state (excluding Maricopa). Poison prevention services include community presentations, exhibits at local health fairs and other events, educational material distribution, development and implementation of poison prevention educational programs, and Train-the-Trainer programs. More information about the APDIC can be found at our website: www.azpoison.com

Internship Project Title

Poison Center Education and Outreach

Project Description:

The intern will be working with Laura Morehouse, the Poison Education Specialist at the APDIC. The intern may interact with other poison center staff as necessary. Interns will learn about the history of poison centers and be introduced to several poison prevention topics, including medication safety, venomous creatures, poisonous plants, and more over the course of the internship.

Project activities vary by year, but typically involve preparation for and attendance at outreach activities, such as health fairs and community presentations, and development and implementation of targeted interventions for priority populations. Major events the APDIC participates in during the Spring semester include the Tucson Festival of Books, National Poison Prevention Week, Be Safe Saturday, and the National Drug Take-Back Day. The intern will also be responsible for social media outreach, including finding and posting approved material to the APDIC Facebook page daily.

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 2017
- ☒ Spring Semester 2018
- ☐ Summer 2018
- ☐ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center, PO Box 210202, Tucson AZ 85721

Address where Student will work (if different from above): 1295 N Martin Ave, Drachman Hall B308, Tucson AZ 85721

☐ 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:

The ideal student for this internship:

- *Is interested in health education and familiar with basic health education principles.*
- *Is interested in interdisciplinary collaboration.*
- *Is comfortable with public speaking and approaching people to discuss poison issues.*
- *Is able to work independently and take initiative.*
- *Is organized and able to manage time effectively.*
- *Has good written and communication skills (bilingual a plus but not required).*

Students must have a flexible schedule and be willing to work weekend events. Some travel will be required within the Tucson community.

Level of Expertise Needed: *Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern? Note: The field-based internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate*

classroom learning into public health practice. Graduate student internships differ as the students should be required to apply advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems. Both experiences prepare students for future employment.

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☐ Either

Supervision

Laura Morehouse, MPH, CHES – Poison Education Specialist.

Ms. Morehouse completed her Master's in Public Health at the University of Arizona College of Public Health with an emphasis in health behavior and health promotion. She is also a Certified Health Education Specialist with an interest in curriculum development, program design, and evaluation.

Compensation/Benefits

Unpaid internship.

Application Contact Information

If interested, please send a resume and a short paragraph stating interest to Laura Morehouse at: morehouse@pharmacy.arizona.edu