

Dear Program Director,

Health Career Connection (HCC) is once again offering our summer internship program for undergraduate students interested in healthcare careers. HCC is an expansion of an internship program that has made a difference in the lives and careers of students for over 20 years. The goal of the internship and our other affiliated programs is to provide students with exposure, experience and support to choose and pursue careers in healthcare management, health policy, community health, health education and other public health careers. We also assist students that are interested in medicine but they must also have a strong interest in one of our priority fields.

HCC is offering internships in Northern California, Southern California and New England. We also may offer a limited number of internships in New York. This year we are also offering a limited number of Boston internships in nursing, physical therapy, speech pathology and clinical investigation. Interns are placed in hospitals, clinics, health plans, public health departments, medical groups, policy or advocacy organizations and healthcare equipment vendors.

Internships are full-time 10 week paid positions. Students work under the direction of a preceptor and gain exposure to the workings of their placement organization and practical project experience. In addition, students attend valuable seminars on career planning, graduate school preparation, leadership and cultural competency. Written internship updates and project reports are required. Many students have utilized this experience to satisfy undergraduate internship or degree requirements.

Interns have gained valuable experience that has enabled them to increase their knowledge and determine their career direction. Many have obtained and go on to jobs, graduate school and successful healthcare careers.

Please make your students aware of this valuable opportunity and encourage them to apply. We have found that your personal efforts to inform and support students to apply are critical. Enclosed is a copy of our application and flyers. Please distribute them to your students and/or to your campus health-related student groups and list-serves. HCC staff and former interns are willing to come to campus to speak to students directly about the program.

We would like you to make a special effort to identify and encourage students of color to apply. One of HCC's priority goals is to increase the number of students from ethnic groups currently under-represented in healthcare and public health careers. Please also refer students to HCC's website www.healthcareers.org to find out more about us and to obtain additional copies of our application.

We appreciate your support. We also welcome any comments and suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,

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