



CMSS Internship Description:

Strengthening Coordination Between Public Health and Healthcare

Role: Paid Intern (Part time, October 2024 – February 2025)

Topic Area: Strengthening Coordination Between Public Health and Healthcare

Location: Washington, DC/VA/MD Area (Fully Remote)

In July 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) selected the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) to participate in a five-year initiative aimed at enhancing connectivity, coordination, and collaboration between the U.S. public health system and the healthcare system. CMSS is seeking a paid intern to support this work.

The Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) is a coalition of more than 50 specialty societies representing more than 800,000 physicians across the house of medicine. CMSS advances the expertise and collective voice of specialty societies and the patients they serve to drive meaningful change in the future of healthcare.

Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation’s Health is a large-scale federal project, involving multiple awardees including CMSS, which seeks to improve community and individual health outcomes while reducing healthcare disparities through better coordination and data sharing between public health and medical sectors.

During the first year of the program, CMSS will:

1. Conduct a comprehensive gap analysis to identify and prioritize opportunities for improved collaboration between medical specialties and public health.
2. Engage clinicians and public health experts to:
 - Identify existing barriers
 - Uncover missed opportunities
 - Assess unmet needs impeding effective linkages between healthcare and public health
3. Explore potential roles for medical specialty societies in addressing identified gaps.
4. Develop an action plan and recommendations to build the capacity of specialty societies in strengthening medicine-public health linkages.

This initiative represents a significant step towards fostering a more integrated and effective health system that bridges the gap between public health and clinical practice. The focus will include CDC’s strategic public health priorities, such as maternal and child health, mental health, substance use treatment and prevention, and chronic disease prevention and management.



Internship Opportunity:

CMSS is seeking a paid intern to conduct a literature review that will inform a gap analysis focusing on enhancing medical-public health connectivity across multiple specialties. The literature review will explore barriers to medical-public health connectivity, capacity needs for improved collaboration, and opportunities for enhancing cross-specialty connections with public health. Sources will include peer-reviewed academic journals and other relevant materials.

Timeline

- October 2024: Develop Literature Search Design Plan (search terms, sources)
- November - December 2024: Conduct literature review
- January 2025: Submit written summary report to CMSS
- Depending on the project scope, there may be additional opportunities to contribute to the work on an ongoing basis

Ideal Candidate Profile

- Experience in designing and conducting literature reviews
- Strong background in clinical care and/or public health
- Proficiency in summarizing complex findings
- Access to academic literature databases and journal articles

This position is paid (hourly rate \$25/hour) and offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to a significant initiative bridging the gap between public health and clinical practice. This work could also be built into public health practicum experience. The internship is fully remote with an option to meet with the project team in-person in Washington, DC.

To learn more about CMSS, visit <https://cmss.org/about-cmss/>. For further information and to express your interest, please contact Sarah Imhoff, CMSS Senior Program Director at simhoff@cmss.org.

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