



Tribal Epidemiology Center

**Public Health
Internship Opportunity**

About the OCAITHB

OCAITHB Tribal Epidemiology Center

Services Available:

Epidemiological Services
Training/Technical Assistance
Needs Assessment
Data Analysis
Curriculum Development
Cultural Awareness Training
Tribal Health Survey Development
Health Assessment Development
Geographic Information System

Current Projects:

OMH AI/AN Health Disparities
Tribal Community Health Profiles Project
Tribal Epidemiology Center Consortium (TECC)
Pandemic Influenza Planning Project for Tribes
Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) evaluation
Tribal Needs Assessment



OCAITHB Dental Support Center

The Dental Support Center is funded by IHS and provides technical and clinical support services for all IHS Tribal and Urban dental clinics operating within the Oklahoma City Area.

Four Main Objectives:

To enhance the capacity of the OCA Dental Program by recruiting and continuing education activities.

To provide technical assistance and resources for IHS HP/DP initiatives.

To provide technical assistance and resources for area Head Start programs and other regional and national prevention initiatives.

To coordinate research, demonstration projects and studies relating to the diagnosis, treatment, control and prevention of oral diseases.

The Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board

(OCAITHB) is a non-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The board was established in 1972 to provide a unified voice for the federally recognized tribes located in the states of Kansas,



Oklahoma, and Texas. Board membership includes representatives from the 12 service units in the Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area.



Mission: To advocate and collaborate for quality healthcare and healthy lifestyles within Native American communities. We seek to maximize resources, abilities and skills while maintaining tribal sovereign rights and independence.

Vision: Uniting for one cause...Strong Indian people making healthy choices throughout their circle of life.

Community

Healthy Living

About Public Health

Public Health is the science of promoting, protecting, and prolonging life through organized efforts from society. The field of public health is very diverse and is divided into several areas of concentration. These areas include:

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Environmental health
- Social and behavioral health
- Occupational health
- Health administration and policy
- Bioterrorism preparedness

Careers in Public Health

The careers available in the field of public health are just as diverse as the field itself. Various possible job settings include hospitals and clinics, local, state, and federal government, pharmaceutical companies, colleges and universities, insurance companies, and many more. Some of the careers available are:

- Epidemiologist
- Data Analyst/Biostatistician
- Health Educator
- Health Policy Advisor
- Outreach Specialist
- Program Coordinator
- Health Administrator
- Environmental Manager
- Industrial Hygienist
- Prevention Specialist
- Behavioral Scientist
- Medical Director
- Nutritionist

Epidemiology

Internship Opportunity

The OCAITHB Tribal Epidemiology Center is offering an Internship to one Native American student interested in pursuing a Masters degree in Public Health at the University of Oklahoma. The purpose of this internship is to encourage the training of public health professionals working in American Indian Communities.

Eligibility Requirement:

- American Indian students interested in a public health career or students with strong interest in work within the American Indian communities.
- Admission into the College of Public Health for a Masters in Public Health or Master of Science degree in biostatistics or epidemiology.
- A student in good standing.
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 graduate hours during fall and spring each year.
- Willingness to do an internship with a professor from the College of Public Health conducting Native American research.

Internship Criteria:

- Applicants will be considered until the intern position is filled. Applicants will be screened initially to determine eligibility. The student will then be evaluated by a committee at the OCAITHB for acceptance into the program.

Stipend Amount :

- Funding for this internship is provided by the Office of Minority Health, American Indian/Alaska Native Health Disparities program. Therefore the internship program will end May 30, 2012.
- The internship is for up to 20 hours per week at \$14.72 per hour to a maximum of 1019 hours (\$15,000 maximum).

To Apply:

- Internship application form.
- Letter of recommendation from advisor or professor.
- Deadline for application: Until filled.

Submit applications to Mr. Cuyler Snider,
cuyler.snider@ihs.gov Phone: (405) 951-6010

Prevention

OCAITHB

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Oklahoma City, OK 73114

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Native American Epidemiologist



LCDR Julie Erb-Alvarez graduated with her Masters of Public Health degree in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Public Health in 1997.

LCDR Erb-Alvarez is now a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and serves at the Oklahoma City Area (OCA) Indian Health Service (IHS) as Area Epidemiologist. In her position she works with various IHS Area and National surveillance systems for chronic and infectious diseases in conjunction with IHS, tribal, urban and state health officials. Her duties also allow her to work directly with Tribes, Tribal groups, and communities to develop community-specific population information related to health status. She works closely with state health departments, other IHS Area Offices, the IHS national Epidemiol-

ogy program, the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and Tribal epidemiology center, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, academic institutions, and others to ensure early identification of health issues of epidemiological significance and address issues of public health intervention. In addition, LCDR Erb-Alvarez serves as an Area Improvement Support Team member for the Improving Patient Care Initiative which is working to improve health systems overall and positively impacting patient care at federal (IHS), Tribal and Urban Indian Health clinics and hospitals in the OCA and nationwide.



OCAITHB-TEC Internship Application Form

First Name:		Last Name:		MI:
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)	American Indian or Alaska Native: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tribal Affiliation: (If Tribal member) Please submit copy of Tribal verification (CDIB or DOI verification form)	
Permanent Address:			Present Address: (If different from permanent)	
Telephone No.:			Fax No.:	
E-mail Address:				

Higher Education (College/University)				
Institution	Attended from/to		Degrees	Major Subjects of Study
	Name, Place	Mo./Year	Mo./Year	
Please describe your previous work experiences particularly in public health.				

