



## **Practicum Opportunity: Community-Engaged Qualitative Evaluation and Communications (Bilingual)**

### Background

Granville Vance Public Health (GVPH) is a rural academic health department serving both Granville and Vance counties. The mission of GVPH is to protect and promote health in Granville and Vance counties.

GVPH is currently working with El Centro Hispano (ECH) to implement a pilot small-group diabetes prevention program in rural North Carolina. These small group sessions are facilitated by bilingual community health workers. Each small-group or pod includes 2 to 4 adults who are closely related (e.g., family members, neighbors, close friends, etc.). GVPH and ECH have previously facilitated Spanish diabetes prevention program series in large groups and are interested in seeing whether: 1) smaller groups work better in rural areas and if 2) smaller groups lead to better outcomes for Spanish-speaking communities. The pilot will wrap up at the beginning of July 2024 and the practicum student will play an important role in the evaluation of the pilot and communication of the results to funders and the community.

### The Opportunity

Starting Summer 2024, GVPH is offering an opportunity for one masters-level practicum student to gain experience in public health related to: community-engaged research, qualitative evaluation, health communications, and diabetes prevention. The ideal candidate will be fluent in both English and Spanish (preference for applicants from a Spanish culture *and* fluent in both English and Spanish). The practicum can be conducted largely remotely, with a few in-person interviews in central North Carolina (see below). The project will start by **mid-June and will wrap up by mid-August**. The ideal candidate will be available at least 15-20 hours per week. *There will be a \$300 travel stipend available, pending approval.*

The practicum student will:

- Revise interview guides related to evaluation of small-group diabetes prevention program delivery
- Conduct interviews of program participants and program lifestyle coaches in Spanish (ideally in-person but some can be done remotely, if needed). Program participant interviews would take place in Rolesville, NC and Franklinton, NC. Lifestyle coach interviews can be conducted remotely or at El Centro Hispano's Durham, NC office.
- Transcribe and translate interviews to English
- Conduct qualitative analysis on interviews to draw out themes
- Create final communication product(s) to share the results of the pilot. The practicum student will work with preceptors and other staff to create stories that will be shared with GVPH, El Centro Hispano, community members, and health departments across Region 7 (Granville, Vance, Franklin, Wake, Johnston, Warren, Wilson, and Nash counties).
- Attend weekly virtual check-ins with the MDPP Regional Coordinator and/or Dr. Samuel-Hodge (preceptors)
- Engage with GVPH and ECH via Microsoft Teams and email

The practicum student will work closely with the MDPP Regional Coordinator at GVPH, El Centro Hispano, and Dr. Carmen Samuel-Hodge (UNC Gillings faculty member embedded at GVPH).

To Apply

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Wendy Ji at [wji@gvph.org](mailto:wji@gvph.org) by May 1, 2024. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis until a candidate has been selected. A final candidate will be selected no later than May 15, 2024.