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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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Program Announcement

The **ASPPH/ONDCP Applied Practice Experience** (APE) program is a collaborative effort between the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The program provides applied learning experiences for public health students to contribute to data-driven, evidence-based research and policy projects that align with ONDCP's mission to reduce substance use and its consequences through public health approaches.

Through structured mentorship and practical experience, students will apply public health competencies to real-world projects and produce deliverables that advance ONDCP's strategic goals.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this program, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a public health degree program at a CEPH-accredited, ASPPH-member school or program of public health.
- Meet institutional requirements for the Applied Practice Experience (APE) component of the public health degree.
- Demonstrate academic excellence and relevant skills.
- Be a U.S. citizen or hold a visa permitting permanent residence ("Green Card") in the United States.

Period of Performance

Practicum placements will begin in January 2026. Each practicum will require completion of 120–400 hours of applied public health practice, depending on institutional APE requirements. Students may complete the experience full-time or part-time, and schedules will be coordinated with ONDCP host site preceptors and academic and/or APE advisors.

Location

Placements will be based in Washington, D.C. at the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Some opportunities may allow for remote or hybrid participation as determined by the ONDCP host site preceptor. Relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.

Funds Available

Each selected student will receive a \$7,500 stipend.

Application Procedure

Applications must be completed through the [ASPPH Applied Learning and Training Programs Online Application System](#)

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Required Application Components:

- Personal Essay and Relevant Coursework (500 words maximum, PDF only)
- APE Program Information (PDF only)
- Resume or CV (PDF only)

All questions regarding the application process should be sent to TrainingPrograms@aspgh.org.

Application Deadline: 11:59:59 PM PST on November 14, 2025.

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Position Descriptions

Project #Y4-25-ONDCP-01

Project Title: Assessing the Concordance Between Which Illicit Drugs People Believe They Are Consuming Compared to What Is Actually Present in the Substance

Project Discipline Area(s): Epidemiology, Substance Use Research

Description: Analyze data collected from a drug checking service to assess discrepancies between reported and actual drug contents. Evaluate the presence of adulterants or contaminants and their implications for public health interventions.

Deliverable: Final report in the format of a peer-reviewed journal article.

Eligibility Requirements: Completion of intermediate-level coursework in statistics or epidemiology. Access to drug checking service data required.

Project #Y4-25-ONDCP-02

Project Title: Estimating the Number of People Who Experience Multiple Nonfatal Overdoses Treated in Emergency Departments

Project Discipline Area(s): Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Data Analysis

Description: Analyze longitudinal electronic health record data to identify individuals with repeated nonfatal overdoses. Generate descriptive statistics and identify predictors of multiple overdose incidents.

Deliverable: Final report in peer-reviewed journal article format.

Eligibility Requirements: Coursework in longitudinal data analysis and access to relevant EHR or claims data (e.g., Epic Cosmos Research Dataset).

Project #Y4-25-ONDCP-03

Project Title: Assessing the Effects of Law Enforcement Operations at the Southern Border on Drug-Related Health Outcomes

Project Discipline Area(s): Policy Analysis, Epidemiology, Geospatial Analysis

Description: Examine the relationship between drug seizures at ports of entry along the Southern Border and fatal overdose rates among nearby communities.

Deliverable: Final report in peer-reviewed journal article format.

Eligibility Requirements: Intermediate-level coursework in statistics or epidemiology; experience in geospatial analysis desired.

Project #Y4-25-ONDCP-04

Project Title: Comparing Concentrations of Illicit Drugs in Wastewater With Drug-Related Health Outcomes and Drug Supply Indicators

Project Discipline Area(s): Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Data Science

Description: Analyze wastewater testing results to identify associations between drug concentrations, overdose trends, and drug seizure data.

Deliverable: Final report in peer-reviewed journal article format.

Eligibility Requirements: Completion of intermediate-level coursework in statistics or epidemiology.

Contact Information

For additional information, contact: TrainingPrograms@aspgh.org