

NNCC Public Health Project Internship

Project Title: COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Project

Position Type: Paid internship; Special Payroll

To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to Deepa Mankikar: dmankikar@phmc.org

Brief Overview of Project's Background and Significance

The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) is a membership organization that advocates with and for nurse leaders and the patients that they serve throughout the country. This position will support work under NNCC's Nurse-Led Vaccine Confidence Project, a national initiative funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Through this effort, NNCC strives to:

- Empower nurses with the necessary information to engage with care teams and communities about COVID-19 vaccines.
- Provide learning opportunities to share up-to-date guidance, peer engagement nursing colleagues, and strengthen the nursing role.
- Amplify the nursing voice by featuring everyday nurse champions in our #NursesMakeChangeHappen campaign.

NNCC also convenes a Vaccine Confidence Advisory Committee (VCAC). The VCAC is a key component of the project. Since the creation of the VCAC in April 2021, members have served a critical role in identifying vaccine knowledge gaps and informing the development and adaptation of COVID-19 vaccine guidance, tools, and best practices that consider the needs of nurses working in community settings with vulnerable populations. The final 20 VCAC members were selected from a pool of 144 applicants across the U.S. The VCAC represents diversity across nursing roles, healthcare settings, and populations served.

In partnership with the VCAC, the Public Health Project Intern will support the research and development of position papers. The topics will be selected with the VCAC and may focus on strategies to build vaccine confidence; health equity; nursing, etc.

This is a great opportunity for an MPH student to gain experience in literature review, paper writing, publication, and working with a network of partners nationwide.

Project Goals

- To conduct literature reviews for at least two position papers that review best practices for building vaccine confidence and other related topics.
- To work collaboratively with the NNCC project team and VCAC, assess findings of literature reviews, and present information in group meetings.

- To contribute to paper writing, development, and publication.
- To support the execution of deliverables for a federal grant

Competencies and Student Learning Goals

- Use appropriate qualitative and quantitative mixed-methods for community-oriented research design
- Strengthen skills in literature review, writing, and dissemination of public health guidance and recommendations.
- Compare the organization, structure, and function of health care and public health systems across national settings
- Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities, and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community, and societal levels

Student's Responsibilities

- Student is expected to conduct satisfactory literature reviews that support the work
- Student will be required to work the number of hours established by preceptor
- Student will communicate progress throughout the length of the project

Preceptor's/Site's Responsibility

- Provide access to data resources and other necessary materials
- Meet with student to outline expectations

Project Timeline (October 2021– March 2022*)

* *There is potential for work to continue beyond March 2022.*

October 2021

- Complete required orientation and onboarding with NNCC.
- Communicate with project managers on expectations and deliverables
- Start work with NNCC.
- Meet with preceptor about goals of project

November 2021

- Meet with preceptor about project, communicate progress
- Join VCAC monthly meetings and additional paper-planning meetings.
- Conduct literature reviews (and/or add to existing literature reviews by NNCC staff) that examine best practices for building vaccine confidence and other related topics.
- Summarize findings of literature reviews and present to NNCC and VCAC. Compile feedback and adjust approach to literature review, as needed.

- Review resources on COVID-19, nursing, and public health strategies to inform the work.

December 2021

- Meet with preceptor about project, communicate progress
- Join VCAC monthly meetings and additional paper-planning meetings.
- Support development of paper outline, writing, and further development in partnership with NNCC and VCAC.
- Submit project proposal

January-February 2022

- Meet with preceptor about project, communicate progress
- Continue development of papers in partnership with NNCC and VCAC.
- Support distribution of draft papers for review and feedback.
- Work closely with NNCC and VCAC to identify journals for publication.

March 2022

- Meet with preceptor about project, communicate progress
- Collaborate with NNCC team to review VCAC feedback on drafts and prepare for publication.
- Submit final deliverables
- Present findings / work