**2018 Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinics of UPMC (WPIC) Infection Prevention Externship**

Are you ready to learn from the best? Does the idea of being a part of L*ife Changing Medicine* inspire you? Are you looking for an opportunity to put into practice the theories you’ve learned? If so, the WPIC Infection Prevention Externshipprogram might be the perfect way to spend your semester.

Here at UPMC, we pride ourselves on developing young talent and providing you an opportunity to learn from the best of the best. We want to invest in the future leaders of our organization… you!

As an extern, you will have an opportunity to participate 250 hours within a world-renowned health care provider, whose hospitals are consistently ranked on U.S. News & World Report’s Annual Honor Roll of America’s Best Hospitals. Our program is a highly competitive, job prep for college students interested in business, quality, public health, operational or analytical areas within Health Care.

During your externship program, you will have the opportunity to network with WPIC employees, receive mentorship, enhance your skills with hands on real world experience and training, and most importantly, work on projects that make an impact on patient care while gaining knowledge on how we provide Life Changing Medicine. And a little bit of fun too!

Come spend a semester with us!

**A little bit about the WPIC Infection Prevention Extern Program:**

* **The program consists of 250 hours of service onsite at WPIC**
* **Hours can be done at your convenience around your school schedule including nights or weekends**
* **The work is a mix of independent and interdependent, collaborative work**

**We’re looking for students and graduates who…**

* **Are passionate and determined to make a difference. No mediocracy allowed.**
* **Want to challenge the standard and create new ways of thinking and executing.**
* **Can’t wait to see what the next challenge will be. Every day will be different and that excites you.**
* **Believe in our Core Values. They are not just written on the walls. We demonstrate our commitment to these values daily.**
* **Have emerging leadership abilities, excellent communication and analytical skills plus thrive in a collaborative environment.**
* **Care about the work they do, the people we work with and the patients we work for.**
* **Pride themselves on their integrity. It’s not just about the work we do, but how we do it.**

**Required qualifications**

* Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
* Currently pursuing or completed a Bachelor’s degree or Master’s required in nursing, medical technology, public health, or similar field.
* Availability to participate in the 250 hour WPIC Infection Prevention Externship, for no less than 4 hours a week with minimal absence (Yes, don’t worry, you can still enjoy some vacation time!)

**2018 WPIC Infection Prevention Extern opportunities may include:**

Hand Hygiene compliance monitoring

PA Act 52 compliance

NSHN surveillance definitions

Allegheny County Health Department and PANEDSS reporting

WPIC specific goals

Learning surveillance technology

Tracking Quality metrics

Review of microbiology of interest, testing, and human disease

Mock cluster/outbreak/BBP exposure work ups

Opportunity to attend TRAPIC regional professional meeting

**Recruitment Timeline Expectations\*:**Please send a letter of interest electronically or via mail as to why you would like to be considered for this position, transcripts, and a resume to:

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The fall 2018 externship position will be posted from the period beginning July 2018 and ending on September 2018. The spring 2019 externship position will be posted from the period beginning October 2018 and ending on December 2018. The summer 2019 externship position will be posted from the period beginning March 2018 and ending on May 2019. We will be conducting video interviews throughout the application process. \*Subject to change

**Licensure, Certifications, and Clearances: As Required
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