

Project AHEAD

Project Asian Health Education And Development is an 8-week long summer internship designed to provide training and experience for college students who have an interest in pursuing a career in the health care field. The program consists primarily of seminars, workshops and the development and completion of a community health project. Students will be exposed to various health careers, and gain an understanding of the history and dynamics of the New York Asian American community and of current health issues impacting the health status of Asian Americans in the United States.

COMMITMENT
8 weeks of Project AHEAD
June 25 to
August 17, 2012
Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm
(interns will also work on
Saturday, August 11)

The goals of Project AHEAD are:

1. To increase interns' interest in and awareness of the special needs, problems, and strengths of Asian American communities.
2. To encourage interns to enter health and allied health professions, especially in areas of community need.
3. To motivate interns to practice within Asian American communities upon completion of their professional training.
4. To provide exposure to health care delivery in the community health center setting.
5. To help interns develop a better understanding of themselves as individuals and as important contributing members of minority communities.

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The **community health project** is the main activity that interns are involved in. It gives interns the opportunity to incorporate their interests and ideas into Project AHEAD by developing and implementing a project that addresses the health needs of the Asian American community.

Seminars and workshops address many topics ranging from Asian American families to health care delivery in minority communities.

If available, interns may also have the opportunity to shadow clinicians at the Health Center. The goal of the shadowing experiences is to enhance interns' learning and understanding of the multifaceted health care delivery system.

Applications can be found online at www.cbwchc.org.

Important Dates:

Postmark deadline: **Feb 17, 2012**

Interviews: **March 5-9, 2012**

Notification on or about: **March 23, 2012**

The complete application, including the letter of recommendation, must be postmarked by February 17, 2012, and received no later than February 24, 2012. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information, please email Melissa Ip at mip@cbwchc.org.



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About the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center, Inc.

The Charles B. Wang Community Health Center is a leading provider of comprehensive health care for Chinese-speaking immigrants in the New York City area. Since its founding in 1971, the Center's annual patient population has grown tremendously. Last year, its bilingual physicians and dentists served more than 200,000 medical and dental visits.

The Health Center's community outreach efforts reached community members through workshops in schools, senior centers, community organizations, and health fairs. More than 5,000 bilingual health education brochures are distributed to patients and community members monthly. Chinese radio programs are broadcasted monthly on various health topics.

In the last 15 years, the Health Center opened two sites in Queens and Manhattan in order to serve the growing Asian American population. Major initiatives on tobacco control, diabetes, cancer education and screening, and mental health continue to make the Health Center a leader in meeting the community's health care needs. The Health Center works with partner hospitals - such as NYU Medical Center, New York Downtown Hospital, Bellevue Hospital Center, Beth Israel Medical Center, and Gouverneur Hospital - to provide and coordinate comprehensive, high quality primary care services. The Center's reputation for quality health care keeps it in the forefront of health care services in the community.

Students interested in nursing, dentistry, mental health, and social work are encouraged to apply!



"Through the seminars, I was introduced to the cultural barriers to health care that immigrants face and how important it is for providers to understand these."

- Shuang Song
Connecticut College '2012
2010 Project AHEAD intern

Since 1975, Project AHEAD has been part of the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center's ongoing efforts to provide excellent and culturally competent health care through preventive medicine, health education, and community involvement. Project AHEAD is one of the few health career opportunity programs in the United States based in an Asian American community and sponsored by a community health center.

More than 450 students have been trained through Project AHEAD, which has been successful in training students who later return to serve the community as health care professionals. Many full-time physicians, dentists, and public health professionals at the Health Center and at other local hospitals and clinics are Project AHEAD alumni who are now contributing to the growing need in the Asian community.

"It was exciting to be in a center with such dedicated and creative staff - as students, we had a rare opportunity to contribute in a direct way."

- Perry Pong, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
1981 Project AHEAD intern



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