



Summer 2026 Internship Opportunities

CHHS has one Summer 2026 internship opportunity. The Center continues to offer opportunities for students to be engaged in community and professional settings where they may practice their skills and gain experience with a variety of audiences and public health programming as part of internship experiences offered.

Students are encouraged to visit the CHHS website at www.mtsu.edu/chhs to download and complete an application packet. Completed packets should be submitted to Dr. Cynthia Chafin MCHES®, NBC-HWC at Cynthia.chafin@Mtsu.edu for consideration. Students should indicate on the application which project is of interest when there is more than one opportunity posted.

Internship Project #1 – Safe Stars – Program Evaluation, Data Analysis, and Health Communication

Project Description: This intern will support the work being implemented as part of the MTSU CHHS Safe Stars project. Safe Stars is a collaboration between the Tennessee Department of Health and the Vanderbilt Youth Sports Health Center. The Safe Stars Initiative recognizes youth sports leagues throughout Tennessee for providing the highest level of safety for their young athletes. Safe Stars consists of three levels: Gold, Silver, and Bronze, and involves implementation of policies around topics such as concussion education, weather safety and injury prevention. This intern will work with the MTSU team to assist with data analysis of the program and using evaluation findings to inform the development of fact sheets and other materials designed to communicate key outcomes and recommendations to multiple stakeholder audiences.

The Center will offer opportunities for interns to be engaged in community and professional settings when possible specific to Safe Stars and other CHHS projects, where they may practice their skills and gain experience with a variety of audiences and public health programming as part of this internship experience.

Requirements

- The student should be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program or be a recent graduate.
- Undergraduate and graduate students applying for this internship should be willing to commit at least 180 hours to the internship; however, CHHS is committed to working with students and faculty to ensure that departmental requirements are considered when determining total internship hours.
- Ideal candidates will be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and able to follow instructions while engaging professionally with CHHS staff, members of the campus community, community partners, and funders.
- Strong organizational skills and excellent verbal and written communication skills are required.
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.
- Interest in public health, youth sports, mental health promotion, or health communication is preferred.
- Knowledge of Canva, Venngage, or other design platforms is preferred.
- Experience with basic video editing or digital media tools is helpful but not required.

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