

ELECTIVE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

FOR RESIDENT PHYSICIANS
AND MEDICAL STUDENTS

THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE



The New York City Health Department's Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program offers an elective in public health to residents and medical students.

Participants in the elective in public health:

- Gain experience tackling urban health issues in a local health department.
- Learn about public health program development, implementation and assessment.
- Observe Health Department activities in communicable disease control, environmental health, mental health, disease surveillance, health equity and access and other areas.
- Explore additional training and career opportunities for physicians in a health department.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN NEW YORK CITY

The New York City Health Department is one of the oldest health departments in the nation, with over 200 years of leadership in the field. Serving 8 million New Yorkers from diverse ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds, it is also one of the largest public health agencies in the world.

The Health Department tackles a wide range of public health challenges with innovative policies and programs. Areas of focus include chronic disease prevention, cancer prevention and control, HIV/AIDS, tobacco and substance abuse, emergency preparedness, environmental health, communicable disease control and more.

Through the Elective in Public Health, medical students and residents observe strategies to promote wellness and prevent illness in individuals and populations.

Examples of elective activities include:

- Field visits (e.g., restaurant inspections, lead poisoning investigations, neighborhood health action center tours)
- Grand Rounds
- Journal club
- Health Department seminars
- Board of Health meetings
- Community coalition meetings
- Public Health/Preventive Medicine Residency seminars



Elective participants also complete a project under the guidance of public health physicians and other Health Department staff members. Past elective projects have included:

- Ebola screening and isolation protocols
- Perinatal hepatitis B case management and data quality assurance
- Autoimmune disease in the World Trade Center Health Registry cohort
- BMI of the incarcerated population at Riker's Island
- Focus groups on childhood asthma
- Health of female prisoners at Riker's Island
- Literature review on the link of obesity and cancer
- Infant safe sleep policy
- Analysis of NYC urgent care centers' emergency preparedness
- HIV pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis provider education
- "By My Side" birth support and Text4Baby programs
- Tobacco cessation in the psychiatric population

Application guidelines:

The Elective in Public Health is open to medical students and residents in any year of training. Those training in programs outside the United States may also apply. Rotations last a minimum of four weeks and trainees are encouraged to participate for longer if possible. Participants may also continue their project-based work after their rotation is over. For example, some trainees choose to pursue abstracts and publications based on their practicum experiences.

Medical students should be enrolled in an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school. Residents should be enrolled in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency program. The program recommends trainees complete a basic medical school epidemiology course before taking the elective.

Elective participants are responsible for housing and other finances; stipends are not available to help with these expenses. Participants should arrange academic credit for the elective through their residency program or medical school.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Health Department also offers a Public Health/Preventive Medicine Residency Program for physicians interested in gaining the epidemiologic, administrative and clinical skills needed to understand and prevent disease, disability and death in diverse populations.

For more information about the residency program, visit

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/employment/residency-program.page>

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For more information about the elective or to receive an application, email: healthrp@health.nyc.gov

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