

Communications and The Nation's Health

Communications Interns

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The Communications department at APHA functions to promote the Association's public health message and to stimulate public support for public health. In collaboration with other public health organizations, APHA's Communications department increases the public's understanding of the definition and mission of public health. They provide opportunities for members to maximize their voice and involvement to effectively access and utilize the media at the national, state and local level.

The department offers two types of internships: a) with the Communications Department as a whole or b) solely with The Nation's Health, APHA's monthly newspaper. The communications internship is open to all students, while the internship with The Nation's Health is open primarily to journalism students.

For more on The Nation's Health, visit the paper's award-winning Web site at <http://www.thenationshealth.org>

The APHA Communications Department offers internships that provide students and graduates with hands-on experience and insight into the dynamic role of communications in advancing and promoting public health. Interns have the opportunity to learn about various aspects of public health and communications, including newspaper writing, public and media relations and marketing. Responsibilities of the communications internship can include: covering public health-related news and congressional events; writing and editing news releases and other media materials; writing and posting material for APHA's Web site; fielding media inquiries and arranging interviews; proofreading newsletters and other materials; assisting in the newspaper's production; taking photographs; assisting with planning Communications' projects for APHA's Annual Meeting; managing APHA's media database; preparing reports on media coverage; and assisting in APHA's press office at the Annual Meeting in the fall.

Journalism Internship

Journalism students can become part of an award-winning editorial team through an internship with The Nation's Health, APHA's monthly public health newspaper. Journalism students looking for hands-on experience in a fast-paced journalism environment are encouraged to apply for an internship with The Nation's Health, APHA's award-winning monthly public health newspaper.

Interns at The Nation's Health have the opportunity to assist with many facets of newsgathering, writing and production. Interns serve as reporters on the newspaper, gathering facts, following leads, conducting interviews and writing stories. The newspaper is run by journalism-trained staff with real-world experience that will work with you to improve your writing and reporting skills. Duties can include: writing news stories for the monthly print issue of the newspaper or for its Web version; pitching stories and developing story ideas; photography and scanning photos; fact checking and copyediting; tracking news; and attending press conferences and news events.