

Equity Lens in Public Health (ELPH) Graduate Student Research/Policy Internship

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Overview:

Every Child and Coach a Winner (ECCAW) is a health promotion initiative meant to support the promotion of health, wellness, and equity across key health promotion and prevention areas in Northern Health (NH) including Healthy Eating Promotion, Active Living Promotion, Injury Prevention, Tobacco Use Prevention, Substance Use Prevention and Mental Wellness Promotion. ECCAW is a Health Legacy initiative and a collaborative partnership between Northern Health, DASH B.C., northern schools and community champions. We have collectively developed and piloted the ECCAW guide across numerous northern settings. The ECCAW guide is a health promotion 'conversation starter' for schools, coaches and community champions around key health issues

Currently we do not have a comprehensive understanding of how to promote and apply an equity lens to the ECCAW initiative and would benefit greatly from the contributions of an ELPH internship for this *Health Legacy* initiative and for the health authority overall.

Objectives:

This internship will provide an opportunity to develop a more comprehensive understanding of, and ability to apply, an Equity Lens in Public Health (ELPH) to the ECCAW initiative – a Health Legacy initiative currently underway in northern B.C.

Learning objectives:

- Interview key health authority representatives
- Review health equity tools and related literature and present findings/learnings to Northern Health, Population and Public Health teams
- Apply health equity lens to the ECCAW *Conversation Starter* booklet and to the ECCAW health legacy initiative moving forward
- Help produce ELPH language/content for the next version of ECCAW booklet
- Opportunity for presentations to health authority representatives
- Learn in an environment connected to policy, practice and research

Time commitment: Approximately 15-20 hours/week for 4-months (May – August 2015)

Location: Victoria and/or Vancouver;

Remuneration: \$4,000 stipend

Qualifications: We are seeking a Masters student in public health, nursing, SDOH, or equivalent with an interested in research and policy. Ability/willingness to travel in BC an asset.

To apply please send cover letter and resume to: dallan@uvic.ca by April 24, 2015

