

## University of North Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health

### Position/Project Description for Public Health Practice Experience

This document is for discussion with and recruitment of interested students. Specifics of final practice experience project may be negotiated between the agency, the student and the Public Health Practice Coordinator or representative from the School of Public Health.

**Date:** May 4, 2009

**Project Title:** Survey Instrument Design and Implementation of Blood Donors CVD Risk Factors

**Agency:** Carter BloodCare

**Department/Section (if applicable)**

**Address:** 2205 Highway 121 Bedford, TX 76021

**Dates of Availability:** *(Please check one)*

Open-ended projects or  From: To:

**Where Practice Experience Will Be Held:** Corporate Headquarters

(Building name, if any)

2205 Highway 121

Bedford

TX 76021

(Street)

(City)

(State) (Zip)

**Schedule (days/hours per week):** Flexible, to be arranged with student

**Salary/Reimbursement of Expenses (if any):**

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**Site Supervisor:**

**Name:** Stephen Eason **Degree(s)** MBA

**Position Title:** Foundation Director

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**Brief Description of Project Opportunities:** *(Include objectives)*

An intern for this position will have several opportunities to learn about the blood banking industry and participate in current population health research.

These include, designing a survey instrument, writing an IRB protocol for the survey, recruiting participants, conducting interviews with blood donors, creating a database that will facilitate statistical analysis, and entering survey data. The student will also have the opportunity to be a contributing author on a related abstract and attend the conference or meeting where the successful abstract is presented.

**Tasks to be Performed by Intern:** *(Be as specific as possible.)*

1. Design a survey instrument to gather data on CVD risk factors in select blood donors
2. Write an IRB application and follow it through the approval process
3. Recruit survey participants from a pre-selected group of blood donors, identified with risk factors for CVD
4. Conduct face-to-face surveys of blood donors
5. Gather and enter statistical data into SPSS software that will facilitate statistical analysis
6. Write a final report on survey data to include an abstract that will be submitted to a medical journal/conference

**Special Requirements/Comments:**

Strong statistical background and access to SPSS 15.0 or higher (17.0 preferred) and strong survey design and methodology background

**URL for your agency/dept. home page:**

[www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org)