

3. Exemplifying the Workforce Development Focus Area

Health Department employee began as UT MPH intern

Many public health workers will be eligible to retire soon, creating opportunities for new professionals. In addition to providing trainings, technical consulting, and support for professional conferences, the Academic Health Department carefully matches interns with opportunities that sometimes result in a win-win employment



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opportunity. Natalie Alverson, MPH, Health Information Technology Specialist, Knox County Health Department, began as an MPH intern at KCHD carefully matched through the AHD partnership. After contributing to the electronic health record planning process, she was subsequently hired as a temporary employee to see EHR through to implementation. Natalie is now a permanent employee at KCHD where she has assisted with the implementation, training, and support of electronic health records as well as other HIT solutions and processes such as immunization interfaces, medical records purging, and review of clinical coding practices.