

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate



Summer Student Extern Program 2025

May 15, 2025 - July 25, 2025

I. Introduction

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Community Health Education Program is excited to offer a Summer Student Extern Program 2025 (SSEP). The SSEP is for college students working toward a health field degree. It provides opportunity for students to develop skill and competence in a health care field through hands-on work experience. Externs will work up to 400 hours during the summer of 2025.

2025 Placement sites are at the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center, Sisseton, SD and at a Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Health Program, Agency Village, SD.

Sisseton IHS Worksites: Behavioral Health, Lab, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Purchase & Referred Care, Nursing, Facilities/Maintenance, Property and Supply and Nutrition/Dietician.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Worksites: Asniyapi Field Health Clinic, Dakotah Pride Treatment Center, and Native Connections.

II. Eligibility

Students applying for an externship must meet the following requirements:

- Have successfully completed one full year of post-secondary education in a health care discipline by the end of the 2025 spring semester.
- On a 4.0 scale, undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 & graduate students a 3.0.
- Must be returning to school for the 2025 Fall semester.
- Shall commit to be alcohol and drug-free during of the externship.
- Consent to and pass a criminal background check, finger print check, character investigation, and drug screen.
- Must be Indian Health Service eligible.
- Must be up-to-date on all recommended vaccines and a TB Test will be conducted.

III. Application

Student packets must include the following documents to be considered complete:

- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Application for Employment
- Extern Supplemental Employment Application
- Copy of transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- Copy of Tribal I.D. or proof of enrollment or descendency of a federally recognized tribe.

IV. Benefits

Externs are compensated for hours worked. The amount is dependent on most recent academic year completed. Pay ranges from \$14.00 - \$17.00/hour for undergraduate students. Graduate students or students in a post graduate degree program will be compensated at a higher rate.

V. Housing, Meals and Transportation

Housing, transportation and subsistence are not provided by the program.

VI. Reports

Students are required to write and submit five (5) bi-weekly reports.

VII. Trainings and Program Sponsored Activities/Events

Students are all required to attend all scheduled meetings, trainings and program sponsored activities/events including:

- Tribal orientation — Thursday May 15
- Program orientation — Thursday May 15
- IHS Computer Security Awareness Training—TBA
- IHS Required Training—TBA
- IHS Ethics— TBA
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Training—TBA
- Other trainings scheduled throughout the summer—TBA
- SWO Health Program sponsored wellness activity or event held during the summer months
- Complete a group or individual project & present at the end of the program on July 25th

VIII. Scholarship

Externs completing: five (5) bi-weekly reports, group or individual project, and a minimum of 360 hours work will be eligible for a \$500.00 scholarship at the conclusion of the externship.

IX. Selection

Priority will be given to first time applicants, but all students are encouraged to apply.