



# Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Community Health Education

## Summer Student Extern Program

### May 21, 2026 - July 31, 2026

#### I. Introduction

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Community Health Education Program is excited to offer a Summer Student Extern Program 2026 (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 2026.

2026 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, Dental, Physical Therapy, Nursing, and Administration.

**Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Worksites:** Asniyapi Field Health Clinic, Dakota Pride Treatment Center, Native Connections, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program and Community Health Education.

#### 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 2026 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 2026 Fall semester.
- Shall commit to being alcohol, drug & tobacco/vape free during 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 four (4) bi-weekly reports about their extern experience.

#### **VII. Trainings and Program Sponsored Activities/Events**

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

- Tribal orientation — Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Program orientation — TBA
- 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 7/31/26

#### **VIII. Scholarship**

Externs completing: four (4) 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.