

Clinical Experience

Ethan Kadau



I helped manage the safety and health of teenage mental health patients receiving clinical wilderness therapy by working for **Evoke Therapy Programs**. I assisted the teenagers with therapeutic activities and assignments, taught them wilderness skills, and participated in group hikes and wilderness living in the Utah desert. I also updated their therapists with oral and written reports. HPM provided me with the connections and resources to prepare an outstanding application and have 1:1 talks with current employees before arriving. Additionally, the HPM curriculum equipped me with the communication skills (both oral and written) to succeed in the position.

Community Health

Beryl Bortey

I interned at **Western North Carolina Community Health Services**. I completed several deliverables that revolved around Medicaid and mobile health clinics. All of these projects reinforced my burgeoning interests in community health, Medicaid, and equity. My internship experience was a launch pad for my current HPM projects that focus on oral health in Medicaid managed care and the intersection of Medicaid and justice-involved individuals with serious mental illnesses. This internship also motivated my desire to pursue a career in academia. I want to teach the next generation of community health leaders and research how Medicaid can be leveraged for social determinants of health.



Consulting

Jada Gailliard



I interned at **Huron Consulting Group** in their Healthcare practice. My internship was split into two parts: a client-facing project at a children's hospital and Huron's intern requirements. Interning at Huron gave me the opportunity to work firsthand in a healthcare organization and see how the industries of business and healthcare intersect. I was able to use many of the tools learned in my HPM classes to understand the organization and finance of healthcare entities. Gaining experience in health management helps propel me to continue an occupation in healthcare consulting, with the long-term goal of having a career in healthcare administration.

Global Health

Emma Miner

I worked for the **Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population & Reproductive Health**. One of my main projects was helping to organize the International Conference for Family Planning, an event that will unite over 5,000 sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) experts and advocates from 120 countries. My internship was the perfect opportunity for me to gain hands-on experience in the field that I am most passionate about - global SRHR! I am appreciative of how well the HPM curriculum prepared me for collaborating with teammates, communicating health-related information to a variety of stakeholders, and managing a substantial number of diverse projects at once.



Government Agencies

Anya Cocowitch



I interned for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' NC Medicaid branch. I helped to write and conduct a phone survey to gauge patients' experiences and connect them with any appropriate resources. I also performed data analysis to interpret survey results and present them to relevant stakeholders. This experience both allowed me to utilize invaluable skills gained through HPM courses and learn new one's useful for future professional experiences. Working for NC Medicaid allowed me to connect with diverse populations and do work centered around health equity and access in the state, which is something I hope to do in a future career.

Hospital Administration

Jack Felkner

I interned at Ochsner Health System. As a Catalyst summer administrative intern, I was placed in the Health and Wellness division. The internship consisted of project work for the service lines within my division and weekly trainings organized by the internship program. I chose HPM because I am interested in developing a thorough understanding of the healthcare system in order to have a positive impact on the industry. This internship provided me with a practical application of the topics that we learn about in the program. Additionally, the HPM coursework enabled me to contextualize my project work within the larger healthcare picture.



Insurance

Max Nunez



As a member of Aetna / CVS's provider relations team, I served as a liaison between hospital providers and the Aetna network team. I also created an automated mailing system that allows the team to reach out to providers more efficiently. I believe that learning how to communicate with providers, understanding the systems they use, and interacting with the healthcare system at such a broad level positively prepared me for my future career in healthcare. Thanks to HPM, I was able to easily navigate healthcare terms and care model concepts. Also, the endless bonding and teamwork that HPM emphasizes allowed my projects with other team members to go smoothly.

Research

Laura Buddenbaum

I interned at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research's Health Workforce Research and Policy Program, which aims to provide policy makers with evidence-based research and data. I worked on a few major projects, including an update to a report on the physician assistant workforce to inform the development of a new physician assistant school in NC. This opportunity has advanced my academic and professional development through engagement with key informants, research analysis, and writing communication pieces. The skills I have learned in my internship and HPM will be invaluable for a future career to reform the healthcare system through evidence-based health policy solutions.

