



Princeton  
Internships in  
Civic  
Service

## **PICS 2010 Internship Description**

**Organization Name:** Access Community Health Network

**Internship Location:** Chicago, IL

**Required Dates:** Yes  No  If yes, internship must start on: \_\_\_\_\_ and end on \_\_\_\_\_ or  
must include the period:

**Housing Will Be Available to Intern:** Yes  No  If yes, housing will be free:  or  
housing will cost the student:

### **Expected working schedule for this internship:**

Start Time: 9am                      End Time: 5pm  
Lunch break: 1 hr (duration)                      (specific time, if applicable)

### **Additional Information, if necessary:**

(Please indicate if any of the preparation work will take place outside of the regular work schedule)

### **Organization Description**

*Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size etc. Please also explain the benefit that will be derived by your organization by sponsoring a Princeton intern.*

Access Community Health Network's (ACCESS) mission is to provide high quality, cost effective, safe, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in underserved Chicagoland communities. ACCESS is the healthcare home for 220,000 patients through 52 health centers located in medically underserved communities in the Chicago area. Our health services focus on our population's medical needs: primary care, maternal and child health, pediatric care, HIV/AIDS; breast/cervical cancer prevention; case management and psychosocial services; chronic disease management; and public benefits enrollment.

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*Describe in detail the work or project will do; please be as specific as possible. Please also explain the benefit that a student will obtain by interning with your organization.*

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The Intern will work on quality improvement, program evaluation, or process improvement topics within the Quality and Performance Improvement Department of ACCESS. Projects may include monitoring internal goals, researching external benchmarks for quality care, analyzing care processes for pediatrics, coordinating improvement efforts and accreditation activities, improving process flow, etc. Specific projects in the past have included an assessment of national health disparities and local implications, improvement of childhood immunization rates, and an analysis of processes for breast cancer screening. Projects will be chosen in consultation with Quality and Performance Improvement directors. In addition, the Intern may be asked to assist with various administrative tasks, such as creating patient education materials, reviewing various records, compiling data, staffing meetings, arranging health promotion activities, etc.

Numerous interns who have worked with ACCESS in past summers have gone on to medical school or studies in public health. Former interns have reported that the experience at ACCESS has significantly informed their understanding of their fields of study, and provided real-life experience in how health services are provided to benefit underserved communities.

### **Intern Qualifications**

*Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern.*

We are seeking an intern with a demonstrated interest in community health or social services, ideally with related work or volunteer experience that can enhance their understanding of ACCESS's services. Experience in group leadership and/or data analysis is a plus. Interns must be eligible to work in the U.S.

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