

**UNMC, College of Public Health**  
**Applied Practice Experience (APEX) Opportunities**

**Partner organization name:** OneWorld Community Health Center

**Partner organization website:** [OneWorld \(oneworldomaha.org\)](http://oneworldomaha.org)

**Partner organization brief description:**

OneWorld is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides medical, dental and behavioral health care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. They have over 15 clinics spread across Douglas, Sarpy and Cass county and serve approximately 50,000 unique patients a year. OneWorld prides itself on culturally respectful healthcare and focusing on underserved populations. More than half of our patients speak a language other than English as their primary language and approximately 50% do not have health insurance. OneWorld utilizes public health principles in helping to proving population level interventions to improve the health of our community.

**Partner organization's point of contact name and email:**

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**Description of partner organization's priority opportunities (APEX activities):**

- We have multiple projects going at any one time and new ones come up frequently as new areas of interest are identified. If you do not see something that is in your area of interest please reach out and we can discuss other potential options.
  
- **Evaluating the acceptability and feasibility of self-swab pap smears in culturally and linguistically diverse populations**
  - Interviews and focus group discussion to assess acceptability as well as evaluate messaging and educational materials for individuals who speak Spanish, Karen or Kanjobal
  - Development of health promotional materials
  - Pilot study to assess clinical feasibility of completing self-swab pap smears
  
- **Improving Diabetes outcomes in patients who speak Karen or Kanjobal**
  - Evaluate for barriers and facilitators of diabetes control in patients with diabetes who speak Karen or Kanjobal through chart review, interviews and focus group discussions
  - Design and implement clinical processes to address systemic barriers/facilitators
  - Develop health promotional materials and assess their acceptability and effectiveness at improving diabetes outcomes
  
- **Evaluating the effects of policies targeting LGBTQI community on mental health of individuals and families**
  - Participate in developing interview and focus groups to identify the impacts of policy
  - Identify systemic supports that can be built into the clinical and community outreach of the clinic to better support individuals and families

\*Note—An affiliation agreement will be required prior to student engagement

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**Timeframe of proposed activities:**

Flexible. Most projects are ongoing and multi-year studies/projects. We will identify a piece that interests you and benefits the whole.

**Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:**

All projects directly benefit our patients and improve their health outcomes and the outcomes of our community. Many of the projects are specifically designed to address health disparities that have previously been identified.

**Benefit of proposed activities to the student:**

- See implementation of public health principles and practices into a community clinical setting with an emphasis on population health management and outreach. This may be especially useful to individuals who envision their future career incorporating public health into clinical practice (medical, pharmaceutical, behavioral health)
- Opportunity for direct patient/client contact and interaction
- Opportunity to continue collaboration for Capstone projects

**Skill sets of students requested:**

Ability to work independently, but willing to ask questions when guidance is needed. Students who speak a language in addition to English would be helpful, but not required. In particular we have a need for individuals who speak Spanish, Kanjobal, Karen, Burmese, Karenni or Nepali.

**Additional Information** (format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location):

Hybrid. We do try to incorporate you into the clinical space so you can understand the services available at OneWorld as well as have a better understanding of our patient population. Some activities will require your presence in clinic or at outreach events but there is also an opportunity to complete some work virtually.