

Looking for an Internship? *Think Pink!!!!*

The Pioneer Breast Health and Community Outreach Project of Denton County (PBH/COP) Needs Dedicated Breast Health Educators to Help Save Lives!

Goals

- Increase breast health awareness within Denton County through community outreach
- Increase knowledge of early detection among Denton County women 18 - 65 years and older
- Increase number of mammograms within Denton County
- Provide culturally competent breast health education within various cultural populations in Denton County
- Apply theoretical and research-based health education strategies to improve early detection and breast health knowledge among women in Denton County (Pen-3; Social Support Theory)
- Partner with community health agencies to provide screening and treatment for low income or uninsured women, especially those from ethnic minority backgrounds

Objectives

By April 2009, The Pioneer Breast Health and Community Outreach Project of Denton County staff will:

- Provide at least 50 mammograms to women who are uninsured and/or from lower income ethnic minority backgrounds
- Facilitate at least 40 culturally competent breast health education workshops to a minimum of 1,000 women in Denton County
- Provide mobile mammography on the TWU campus two times by April 2009,
- Refer at least 50 women who are uninsured or who qualify as low income but who are not of ethnic minority backgrounds to receive mammography and follow-up through Family Health Care, Inc.
- Plan, implement, and evaluate at least three breast health awareness events for the Denton community
- Recruit and train at least 6 breast health educators (interns) within 12 months to facilitate culturally competent breast health education workshops within Denton County.
- Achieve at least 80% satisfactory ratings from participants at the TWU campus events and the breast health education workshops delivered in the community
- Increase knowledge about breast health and positively change attitudes about mammography among at least 85% of program participants ages 18-65.

Activities

- Breast health educators (interns) will be trained to provide culturally competent breast health education within Denton County
- Breast health education workshops will be facilitated through churches, corporations, universities, and beauty salons
- Culturally relevant breast health events will promote BSE and early detection
- Mobile mammography screening will be provided two times at TWU and referrals will also be made to Family Health Care, Inc.
- Support from breast health educators in scheduling mammography appointments as well as reminder calls will be provided

Partnerships

Harris Methodist Health System

*Provides mammograms to uninsured or low income women in Denton County

Family Health Care, Inc.

*Serves as primary care provider for uninsured and/or low income women from ethnic minority backgrounds seeking mammograms and screening services in Denton County through referral by The Pioneer Breast Health and Community Outreach Project of Denton County

* Provides additional diagnostic testing and follow-up as needed

Information for Interns: This is an *unpaid* internship although educational materials will be provided. Students from all disciplines are invited to apply. Interns will gain skills in grassroots health education, program planning, implementation, and evaluation as well as health communications and media advocacy. Students must fill out an application and interview with the project directors. Those chosen for internship training must complete a 4 – hour training workshop and pass a post-test prior to the start of the school semester and beginning work in the field. Interns will work in the city of Denton and other parts of Denton County only. *Bilingual, Latina, and African American participants are highly encouraged to apply!*

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