



2023 Summercise Internship

Norton Sound Health Corporation: Nome, Alaska

Who we are:

The Chronic Care Active Management and Prevention (CAMP) program is a disease prevention health promotion department at Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). The department is funded by Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) through IHS. The team consists of Registered Dietitians, Tobacco Quit Coaches, Lactation Counselors and other health educators who may provide mentorship throughout the internship. We are a team that values excellent communication, positive teamwork, and high-quality customer service.

What we are looking for:

We are looking for energetic and creative individuals looking for an experience teaching youth about healthy living. Norton Sound Health Corporation located in Nome, Alaska is recruiting 7 college interns for the summer of 2023 to coordinate the award-winning program, *Summercise*. Recognized by the American Diabetes Association for the John Pipe Voices of Change Award for Innovation, Summercise is a nutrition education and physical fitness program for the youth of the Norton Sound region. Over the past 20+ years, approximately 170 students from around the United States have come to Nome to work with local youth in efforts to prevent diabetes and learn about the Alaska Native culture, including outdoor activities and traditional foods.

Summercise is held in numerous locations around Nome, a small, tight-knit community and is an inspiring program to provide nutrition education and get youth active throughout the summer. Summercise interns lead all aspects of Summercise from planning to wrap-up and everything in between. Interns will also be a supervisor/mentor to at least one high school assistant who will assist with the groups you are leading and teaching. Each intern is assigned one group of Summercise participants, usually around 25 participants. There are two sessions of Summercise and groups can change between sessions.

What do we consider a good candidate?

- **Working with Children:** Students should enjoy and have a strong background and experience working with large groups of children ages 5-12. This can include summer camps, after school programs, coaching, boys and girls club, etc.
- **Nutrition & Health Knowledge:** Students should be pursuing an undergraduate program in one of the following areas:
 - Nutrition and Dietetics
 - Exercise Physiology
 - Other preventative healthcare fields
 - American Indian/Alaska Native Studies with an emphasis on Native Health Initiatives

- **Leadership Qualities:** professional behavior, strong value set, good role model, ability to motivate and inspire, teamwork, positive energy, maturity and the ability and willingness to mentor a high school student
- **Initiative:** self-starter, independent thinker, creative, problem-solver, ability to multi-task, culturally sensitive, open-minded, and motivated to learn
- **Working within a Team:** Experience working within a team is highly encouraged. This may include sports teams, leadership teams, committees and clubs, etc.
- **Physical Fitness:** Only students with demonstrated abilities to teach physical fitness in addition to nutrition/health knowledge will be considered. Physical fitness is not limited to specific sports or activities. Be creative!
- **High Priorities:** Instructors for swimming/lifeguards, experience in the outdoors, dance/gymnastics/cheerleading, ball sports, cooking classes, experience in a specialty sport or activity, and many more. We are always looking for new things to offer the kids.

What we offer:

This is an unpaid internship that lasts 12 weeks. We will provide you with housing, pay your airfare to and from Nome, provide a pass to the recreational center in Nome, and a \$1200.00 stipend for food expenses and luggage fees. You will be sharing housing and/or a room with another Summercise intern or NSHC staff. Your housing will be fully furnished with kitchen supplies, furniture, beds, bed linens, washer and dryer, and internet. Housing may be co-ed, but rooms are gender specific.

A two-week training session will be provided.

This internship may offer many exciting community nutrition experiences through the Summercise program. The 2023 project list is listed below.

Summercise Intern Expectations and Priorities:

1. Summercise coordination: planning, implementing, and resetting for the following year
2. CAMP events and projects for health promotion and disease prevention
 - Nutrition Services Rotation
 - Biometric Screenings and Nutrition Counseling
 - Women, Infants, and Children
 - Radio Recordings
 - Wellness Bulletin Board
 - Village Travel (Summercise)
 - Produce Markets & Food Demos
 - Community Walk, Runs & Subsistence Events
 - Wellness Education Handout Development
 - Wellness Challenges
 - Social Media Engagement
3. Weekly rotations and assignments
4. Unscheduled tasks assigned by CAMP staff
5. Community collaboration/partnership/volunteerism
6. Interns are expected to work on numerous projects and handle competing responsibilities. Weekend and evening work should be anticipated and expected.

Important Dates*:

- **Applications Submission Start Date: December 10th, 2022**
- **Due Date for Summercise Application: February 11th, 2023**
- Phone/ZOOM interviews: February 22-24, 2023 *Tentative*
- Arrive in Nome: Between May 17th – 18th
- Orientation & Training: May 19th – June 2nd
- Summercise Dates: June 5th – July 27th
- Leave Nome: August 7th, 2023
- **Total Summercise Commitment: May 17th – August 7th**

How do you apply?

The application is completed through Microsoft Forms and is [linked here](#)

Application Requirements:

1. Applications will be accepted: December 10th, 2022 – February 11th, 2023
2. Application Due Date: February 11, 2023 at 11:45PM
3. Cover Letters & Resumes MUST be uploaded in PDF format via dropbox (link at the end of application)
4. (2) Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the person submitting the recommendation letter. Please ensure that the persons submitting your recommendation letters put your name in the letter. Recommendation letters are to be uploaded to the dropbox link at the end of the application.
5. This is a lengthy application. It will not allow you to save and go back to complete it. We recommend saving your answers in a word document as you go through in case of internet failure or if you must restart the application for any reason. We are not responsible for any lost work.

Do you have questions about Summercise?

Nicole Santonastaso, RDN, LD, IBCLC, CDCES: Prevention Program Supervisor and Summercise Director - Questions about Summercise program can be emailed to summercise@nshcorp.org or contacted by phone at (907) 443-3365.

We receive a high volume of applications and inquires every year. Questions that can be answered by reviewing our application or information packet may not receive a response.