Community Health Internship Program (BTG CHIP)

June – August 2019

- seven-week intensive community-based experience
- students (in interdisciplinary teams whenever possible) are matched with a community organization based on the organization’s needs and the student’s professional discipline and interest
- students collaborate with community and faculty members to create and implement a health-related project consistent with the goals and mission of the community organization
- students attend training sessions (one day each week) where community members, health and social service professionals, and program faculty help build skills and develop a deeper understanding of key issues regarding vulnerable populations
- students are paid $3,000 for their participation

BTG Symposium (at the completion of CHIP) offers students an opportunity to present their work, while providing a forum for dialogue and networking opportunities among public health officials, community organizations and agency personnel, grantmakers, academic faculty and staff, students, and others interested in improving the quality of life in our communities.

For more information
www.bridgingthegaps.info

2019-20 Seminar Series
September - April
The Seminar Series, conducted in cooperation with community organizations, is designed to address the root causes for many of today’s public health issues and to develop concrete strategies to address them.

Registration is required www.bridgingthegaps.info
Time: Dinner: 5:30  Presentation: 5:45 to 7:30 PM
See website for Seminar Location

SEPTEMBER 18
Public Health In Philadelphia
Thomas Farley, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health
Philadelphia Department of Public Health

OCTOBER 8
Harm Reduction 101
Jose Benitez, MSW, Prevention Point

NOVEMBER 7:
Navigating Emergency Medical Assistance: Health Rights of the Uninsured
Vincent J. Zarro, MD, PhD and Maripat Pileggi, JD, Community Legal Services

DECEMBER 4:
Students Demand Action...Join the Movement to Stop Gun Violence in Philadelphia
Marla R. Davis Bellamy, JD

JANUARY 15:
The Vaccine Wars
Paul Offit, MD, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

FEBRUARY 4:
A Model of Transgender Care
Nancy Brisson, MD, Medical Director, Mazzoni Center

FEBRUARY 20:
Transition Considerations for Youth with Special Needs from the Educational Setting to Adult Services
Laura Boyd, MSW, LSW, and Home of the Merciful Savior Staff

MARCH TBD:
Addressing Adolescent Risk: Building on Strength
Kenneth Ginsburg, MD, MSED, Hugh Organ, and Covenant House Staff

APRIL 14:
Refugee and Immigrant Health in Philadelphia
Rachel Truchil, MD

Clinical Program (BTG CP)
The BTG Clinical Program is an interdisciplinary experience providing students with the opportunity to become more skilled in collaborative community clinical service for underserved populations. As with BTG CHIP, the Clinical Program provides meaningful service to a partnering clinical/community site by allowing the site to access additional human resources (health/social service professions students). Students from multiple health and social service disciplines from across the city may elect to rotate through one of four program experiences:

- **Covenant House** serves homeless, trafficked, and runaway youth in crisis and provides students an opportunity to engage the youth in the cultivation of constructive responses to stress and attain skills that build positive approaches to life’s challenges.

- **InnovAge Pennsylvania LIFE** a PACE Program (Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) serving dual eligible, frail community dwelling older adult

- **Philadelphia FIGHT** Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center providing primary care to address the physical and emotional health needs of Philadelphia’s children from birth through age 18, regardless of ability to pay.

- **Prevention Point** is a multi-service public health organization, where students will experience a nonjudgmental approach to the provision of healthcare and social services for the most hard-to-reach populations and often addicted populations.

Students who complete all 3 program components: BTG CHIP, BTG Seminar Series (6 sessions), BTG Clinical Program, graduate as BTG Clinical Scholars.

For more information on eligibility and application
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The BTG Community Health Internship Program (BTG CHIP) was established at one Philadelphia academic health center in 1991. Within five years it was adopted by all Philadelphia academic health centers, which now make up the BTG Philadelphia Consortium (Drexel University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, and the University of Pennsylvania). Other area schools (Bryn Mawr College (social work), and University of the Sciences) formed affiliate programs in Philadelphia. Across Pennsylvania, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Pittsburgh also adopted the program model. This brought about the creation of the Bridging the Gaps Network. More recently a program was established in New Jersey, currently at Rutgers, The State University of NJ and a program was established in the Lehigh Valley through collaboration between the Lehigh Valley Health Network and DeSales University. Bridging the Gaps’ work has been recognized by public, corporate and community entities, among others.

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