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MPH Emphasis: Public Health Physical Activity (Dec 2018)

MPH Applied Practice Experience: For my MPH project, I interned at the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) in Paris, France, in Data Analytics with the Science and New Technologies Department. The projects I worked on focused on antimicrobial usage in animals in the different member countries of the OIE.

I also completed a thesis project on differences in rural and non-rural physical activity and sedentary behaviors. My thesis looked at predicted minutes of time a child spent in physical activity and sedentary behavior, and if rurality played a factor in these differences. My research was completed under the supervision of Dr. Mary McElroy as my major professor, and with committee members Dr. David Dzewaltowski and Dr. Richard Rosenkranz.



Current Position: Health Policy Analyst II at the University of Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Current work focuses on health outcomes in patients with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or dementia related diseases in Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Career Advice: After graduating from K-State with my MPH degree, I began the job application process. Advice I would give to future graduates would be to not be nervous to apply to a job, even if you feel that you may not get it. The job application process is a learning experience, and having the opportunity to interview, whether it be by phone, skype, or in person, is a wonderful opportunity. Another piece of advice I would give is to not hesitate to utilize the networks at your disposal. There are many people in your immediate network, along with individuals in their network who may have job openings, know of jobs, or have advice on jobs that you can utilize. Also, I must recommend using the K-State Career Center at least once before applying. I used their services frequently during the job application process. With their assistance, I wrote my cover letter, resume, CV, and practiced interviews; it really was something K-State offered that will help me throughout my life.