

Public Health Association of BC (PHABC)

Community Food Systems Development Team Member

(Looking for up to 3 students) – LFS 496 Summer Term 2023

Mentor: Amber Heckelman

Position Location: Senior Consultant, Public Health Association of BC (PHABC)

Website (if applicable): phabc.org

Hours: Summer Term 1&2, May-August 2024, at 9/18 hours per week

Credits: 3/6 credits

Course Background

The Career Development Course aims to engage UBC students with their local food system and create opportunities to experience the working environment of a food sustainability focused organization. Students work alongside their mentor, food systems practitioners and faculty to increase their understanding and knowledge of food systems work, from organic agriculture to food production methods, food-focused community engagement, and business management.

Specific Duties

Students who join the Community Food Systems Development team at PHABC will work on the following tasks:

- Assist PHABC staff with conducting virtual interviews via Zoom with managers, directors, or other leadership members of organizations running food access programs/services. (Remote)
- Support qualitative analysis of interviews through generating transcriptions (via Speak AI), coding transcriptions, and compiling coded content. (Remote)
- Accompany a PHABC staff member with conducting a site visit and carrying out verbal and written surveys with community members utilizing a food access program/service. Site visits and surveys will occur across the province. (Travel Required)
- Conduct quantitative and qualitative analysis of survey results, this includes drafting figures and a description of the results for the final report. (Remote)
- Assist PHABC staff with conducting virtual focus groups via Zoom and support qualitative analysis of focus groups. (Remote)

Learning Goals

- Gain proficiency with four types of data collection activities: interviews, site visits, verbal/written surveys, and focus groups.
- Develop quantitative and qualitative data analysis skills.
- Gain direct experience conducting collaborative/participatory research.
- Learn to work effectively in a team environment with a dynamic group of food system thinkers and doers.

- Apply key concepts and theoretical frameworks to real world projects, including community food security, dignified food access, and food systems transformation.

Qualifications

- Strong interest in collaborative/participatory research.
- Experience with qualitative data collection and analysis.
- Ability to work independently and in teams in a primarily remote capacity.
- Willingness to travel to conduct in-person site visits and verbal/written surveys with community members.
- Experience working with marginalized populations.
- Strong organization and communication skills.
- Passionate about food systems change.
- Proficiency in Zoom and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Power Point).

How to Apply

Submit a resume and cover letter to Dr. Amber Heckelman at sr.consultant@phabc.org. All applications should clearly refer to the “LFS 496 Career Development Course” when applying. The cover letter should include an introduction, share why you want this position, and what you hope to gain from the position if accepted. Cover letters should be no more than 500 words. Application deadline **April 22nd, 2024**.

About (Host Organization)

The [Public Health Association of BC](#) is a voluntary, non-profit, non-government, member driven organization that provides leadership to promote health, well-being and social equity. We fulfill our mission through advocacy, collaboration, education and research and do this work through the spectrum of public health practice; including prevention, promotion, protection and policy.

To learn more about the larger project that you will contribute to, please visit the [Community Food Systems Development](#) page.