

Project Title: Review on Medical Legal Partnerships (MLP)

Supervision and Support: The student will be supervised by Dr. Andrew Pinto, with regular meetings to discuss progress and address challenges.

Duration: 10–12 weeks

Stipend: \$17.56 – \$21.95 per hour

Project Overview: This project aims to review the integration of legal services with health services through Medical Legal Partnerships (MLPs). Utilizing previously collected longitudinal data from a study evaluating Health Justice Initiatives, the student will analyze the impact of data collection on the health of subjects and complete a review on MLP implementation. This project offers a valuable opportunity to gain experience in integrating legal and health services, contributing to the understanding of how MLPs improve health outcomes.

Background: Medical Legal Partnerships (MLPs) integrate legal services into healthcare to address social determinants of health. The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnerships identifies three main goals:

- Promoting patient health and wellness.
- Improving social services delivered by organizations.
- Advocating for better policies and laws for vulnerable populations.

Legal professionals in MLPs advocate for individual patients and drive systemic change by collaborating with healthcare providers to influence policies on social determinants of health. Examples include joint submissions and judicial interventions on housing, income, and immigration policies.

Objectives:

1. Review literature on MLP implementation and impact.
2. Analyze longitudinal data on MLPs' health impacts.
3. Synthesize findings into a manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal.

Methodology:

1. Literature Review: Examine existing studies on MLPs.
2. Data Analysis: Analyze pre-collected longitudinal data.
3. Manuscript Preparation: Compile findings into a manuscript.

Student Tasks and Responsibilities:

1. Conduct literature reviews.
2. Analyze longitudinal data.
3. Write and edit the manuscript.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Comprehensive review of MLP implementation.
2. Insights into MLPs' impact on health outcomes.
3. Manuscript ready for journal submission.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Third or fourth-year undergraduate in Public Health, Sociology, Data Science/Data Analytics, Social Work, Health Sciences, Anthropology or Law-related field.
2. Strong interest in public health, social determinants of health, or legal services integration.
3. Excellent analytical and writing skills.
4. Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.

Application deadline: Applications, including a curriculum vitae and cover letter, will be accepted at upstreamlab@unityhealth.to until 5:30 pm EST on March 10th, 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Talent Development Coordinator, Upstream Lab (Dr. Isobel Okoye) at Isobel.Okoye@unityhealth.to