

Project Description

The Good Samaritan Health Center is a 501(c)(3) organization providing quality healthcare to Atlanta's low-income communities. Good Samaritan strives to remove barriers to healthcare, a basic human right, for the people who need it the most. They provide a full circle of health, offering medical and dental services, health education classes, and nutrition through a community farm, working to reverse the healthcare gap and mitigate many of the social determinants of health holding individuals back. Situated in the heart of Atlanta, GA, the life expectancy surrounding Good Samaritan is 13 years less than that for the adjoining neighborhoods mere minutes away. Good Samaritan Health Center has the unique ability to change the lives of one of the city's vulnerable populations.

This spring, I will be working at Good Samaritan Health Center as a medical assistant intern. This internship provides valuable exposure to the field of medicine, particularly that for humanitarian aid. Interns are trained in all the skills necessary to be medical assistants, including understanding vital signs, patient histories, EKG, x-ray, spirometry, phlebotomy, and helping with care coordination. I get to work alongside clinicians to get an accurate picture of the healthcare field and experience in direct patient interaction. With aspirations of becoming a medical doctor working in low-resource environments, this clinical care experience is a milestone in my educational journey. More so, it provides the opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way, in my very own community.