



*Optimizing Health by Advancing the Quality of Medication Use*

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## **PQA Communications Intern**

PQA, the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, is a national quality organization dedicated to improving medication safety and appropriate use. As a measure developer, researcher, educator and convener, PQA's quality initiatives support better medication use and value-based care. An independent, non-profit organization with more than 250 diverse members across healthcare, PQA was established in 2006 as a public-private partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

PQA seeks a **Communications Intern** to support its full-time staff. This paid position is available during the summer, fall semester and spring semester. The position provides substantive, hands-on experience working in a national, membership-based, healthcare organization focused on the quality of medication use. Interns will learn about and support earned and social media relations, website development, member communications, stakeholder engagement, government relations, writing, content development, thought leadership, branding, event coordination and project management.

The intern will work closely with the Senior Director of Communications and the Directors of Stakeholder Engagement and Education. The position can support academic program requirements, for students who wish to receive academic credit.

### **Requirements**

- Undergraduate and graduate students with graduate students preferred
- Available for full-time work (35-40 hours/week) for 10-12 weeks
- Interest in healthcare, including quality, healthcare delivery and policy
- Outstanding written and verbal communications skills
- Detail oriented with ability to multi-task effectively and work in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to work independently as well as support a larger team
- Highly motivated and eager to learn
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Experience writing press releases, articles and fact sheets is desired
- Experience developing and implementing social media strategies is desired
- Experience in communications, engagement or healthcare is a plus
- Experience with website development and marketing tools is a plus

### **Location**

This position is located at PQA's headquarters: 5911 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Suite 130, Alexandria, VA 22315

### **Apply for This Position**

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume and a writing or project sample to Christina McCloskey, Director, Human Resources & Operations at [cmccloskey@PQAalliance.org](mailto:cmccloskey@PQAalliance.org).