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KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EMPOWERS THE YOUTH

The Provincial Department of Health is proud to announce the establishment of an Internship Programme for unemployed post graduate youth. The programme is not only designed to give the youth skills and work experience but also to expose them to the real working environment. The KZN Department of Health has adopted this programme from the national internship framework.

The programme will accommodate 100 interns from all over KZN who will be placed in different components within the department where there are critical shortages. The 100 interns will be selected from the 11 health districts scattered throughout the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Department has identified a number of fields within the department that are currently encountering shortages where the interns will be placed. As a result only post graduate students with qualifications in, Policy Development, Public Relations, Human Resource Management/Public Administration, Financial Management, I.T, Project Management and Facilities Information

(competent in data management, public health, district health systems) will be considered. The interns will be placed in hospitals, district offices and at head office. 1 to 3 interns will be allocated per institution or per component.

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The programme specifically targets the youth between the ages of 18-35, which is an age bracket in which many unemployed people fall under. Successful applicants will enter into a six-month contract with the department and will receive a stipend of R 1500 a month. The department has allocated R 1 million for this programme from the Skills Development Programme.

It is expected that the successful candidates will embark on their internship programme on 1 December 2004.

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