Marisol Ortega

Graduate Fellow

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Summary

Master of Public Health student in epidemiology at UNC Chapel Hill, in the second year of a 2-year graduate fellowship on rural maternal health. Analyzes hospital data in SAS and Stata, designs surveys and writes policy briefs for state legislators, with earlier community health and grant writing experience.

Experience

Graduate Fellow

Piedmont Rural Health Institute — Durham, NC — 08/2025 - Present

Nonprofit policy institute funding 6 graduate fellows a year in rural health research.

- Analyze hospital discharge data in SAS for all **100** North Carolina counties to map gaps in rural maternal care.
- Draft 4 policy briefs a year for state legislators, each grounded in a literature review of 30+ studies.
- Design and pilot a survey of 220 rural clinic patients, then run regression models on the responses in Stata.
- Present findings at 2 statewide public health conferences and to the institute's 12-member advisory board.

Community Health Intern

Triangle Community Health Partners — Raleigh, NC — 05/2024 - 07/2025

Part-time internship with a nonprofit running mobile clinics in Wake County.

- Mapped clinic sites in ArcGIS against bus routes and found 6 neighborhoods more than 30 minutes from care.
- Coordinated 14 mobile health fairs that screened **1,100** residents for blood pressure and diabetes risk.
- Wrote sections of 2 foundation grant applications, including one funded at $85,000 for community health workers.
- Entered screening results into the program database and checked records weekly for missing follow-up dates.

Education

Master of Public Health

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Epidemiology

Chapel Hill, NC

05/2027

Skills

Epidemiology	—	SAS	—	Stata	—	R	
ArcGIS	—	Survey Design	—	Policy Briefs	—	Literature Review	
Grant Writing	—	Public Speaking					

Certificates

CITI Program Human Subjects Research Certification

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