Study in cooperation with Pastoral da Pessoa Idosa (PPI), the county’s only national organization for elderly care. Kristina worked with PPI on a project to evaluate the impact of a health education program on older adults. The project included data collection, analysis, and presentation to local health officials.

To fulfill the MHA program’s residency requirement, Mark Scarpinato completed an internship at Allegheny Health Network’s (AHN) Department of Environmental Health and Public Health. He was responsible for setting up a hotline for residents to report raccoon sightings and present the data collected to AHN for analysis. Mark observed that the program’s inception has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of rabid raccoons in the area. He also noted that the internship experience was instrumental in his decision to pursue a career in public health.

Each year, students and recent graduates of the Master of Health Administration (MHA) and Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) programs at the University of Pittsburgh participate in an internship program that provides valuable hands-on experience. The program is open to current students, recent graduates, and professionals in the field who wish to gain additional skills and knowledge in the field of public health. The internships are available in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. The program emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practice and the role of public health in improving population health.

For more information about the internship program, please visit health.pitt.edu/internships.