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During my experience as a Junior COSTEP with ATSDR, I was able to work on a variety of tasks and attend informative conferences and on-site training. My two main tasks involved development of a Sharepoint site for branch use and compiling of factsheets regarding ATSDR's cooperative agreement program. I was able to develop my professional skill set and learn more about ATSDR's mission through my day-to-day activities. I also attended two important conferences. The U.S. PHS Symposium let me speak to Environmental Health Officers in a wide range of job positions and agencies to see what careers are open to EHOs. The National Environmental Health Association Conference brought experts from a broad spectrum of subject areas to Atlanta and let me hear about new developments in the field of environmental health.

The opportunity to work with the Commissioned Corps was a truly unique one. Through site visits with officers outside of my branch, I was able to get a feel for what EHOs do in a variety of agencies. My Junior COSTEP experience was a great enrichment to the coursework I have completed for my degree thus far. I will be looking at future opportunities with the Corps, and keeping it as a career possibility after I graduate.