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Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services Named Internship Employer of the Year

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN), a public and private nonprofit collaboration dedicated to supporting the statewide exchange of health information, has been named Internship Employer of the Year by the Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Professional Science Master's (PSM) Programs.

This award recognizes the excellence of the MiHIN Internship Program. Established in 2010, the program currently employed 105 interns across MiHIN, Velatura Public Benefit Corporation and the Interoperability Institute in 2020.

MiHIN interns receive robust hands-on job training and experience, provide a fresh perspective on healthcare issues and create innovative solutions that help MiHIN transform the healthcare industry. Additionally, each intern is paired with a full-time staff member to act as a mentor throughout the duration of the internship.

"Interns are an integral part of MiHIN and we are incredibly proud of the level of training we provide," said Tim Pletcher, MiHIN Executive Director. "We know when our interns graduate, they are prepared for working in the real world and have the knowledge and talent required to create meaningful solutions to the problems facing healthcare and healthcare IT today. We are honored to have our internship program receive this prestigious recognition."

The PSM Program trains students in both science and professional skills to make them highly competitive in the STEM-related workforce. There are five PSM programs offered: Applied Statistics, M.S., Biostatistics, M.S., Cell and Molecular Biology (Biotechnology), M.S., Health Informatics and Bioinformatics, M.S., and Data Science and Analytics, M.S.

"This year, Grand Valley's Professional Science Master's Program placed interns in more than 50 different companies or organizations," said Anirudh Chowdhary, Affiliate Faculty and Professional Science Master's Programs Coordinator. "MiHIN stands out as being an exceptional employer not only because of the real-world experience that they offer interns, but because of how quickly and effectively they were able to pivot and move their interns entirely online due to the pandemic, while still providing a meaningful experience."

MiHIN was awarded the honor during the annual PSM Showcase Event on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020.

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About Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services

The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) is Michigan's state-designated entity to improve health care quality, efficiency, and patient safety by sharing electronic health information statewide, helping reduce costs for patients, providers, and payers. MiHIN is a nonprofit, public-private collaboration that includes stakeholders from the State of Michigan, Health Information Exchanges serving Michigan, health systems and providers, health plans/payers, pharmacies, and the Governor's Health Information Technology Commission. The MiHIN Group also includes Velatura Public Benefit Corporation, the Interoperability Institute and Great Lakes Health Connect. Combined, the organizations offer a comprehensive interoperability strategy and a product and services portfolio that continues to transform healthcare and health information exchange in Michigan and across the nation. For more information, visit https://mihin.org.