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Internship/ Practicum Overview

Purposes and Benefits:

This internship/practicum program was designed to meet a growing demand for practical experience, to satisfy college curricula requirements and to prepare students for employment in the human services field. Both students and Samaritan House stand to benefit from the internship experience. The intern shall work under the direct supervision of a designated staff member creating a meaningful experience for the student while satisfying university requirements.

Internship/Practicum Program Objectives:

Our goals are to provide you with the following opportunities:

- To apply academic course work to a hands on practical experience.
- To problem solve in a work environment.
- To exchange ideas with professionals in the field.
- To gain pride and appreciation in the field.
- To gain competent skills in a variety of settings.
- To expose the to projects and opportunities that will provide practical experience for future job opportunities.

When Internship/Practicum Experiences are Available and Duration:

This internship/practicum program accepts student into three sessions; Spring, Summer, and Fall.

- Fall Intern positions for August - December (deadline for application - July 1)
- Spring Intern positions for January - April (deadline for application - December 1)
- Summer Intern positions for May - July (deadline for application - April 1)

Exact starting and ending dates will be arranged between the intern and the supervisor. Internships/practicums typically run during the indicated months, however, it may be possible for other arrangements to be made.

Eligibility:

Any student who is currently enrolled at an institution of higher education is eligible to apply to the program. This includes both undergraduate and graduate programs. If you attend a college or university, you must be of at least a junior standing by the end of the semester you are currently completing. It may be possible for other arrangements to be made depending on the school and university internship requirements.

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Compensation:

Compensation is not provided for internships. It is our philosophy that Samaritan House and the student have a partnership. The department provides the intern with the required knowledge and experiences to fulfill the internship/practicum standards of the school or university and provides valuable learning experiences for the intern. In exchange, the intern enhances the department's programs by providing fresh, new ideas and suggestions.

College Credit:

Many schools offer academic credit for internships. To determine if your school offers credit and the requirement of obtaining credit for a state internship, you must contact your academic advisor or your school's career placement office.

Procedures for Applying:

Prospective interns must obtain approval of their academic advisor that the agency site is approved. When approved, students can complete a Samaritan House internship application online at www.samaritanhousva.org.

Prospective interns will be scheduled for an interview (phone or in person) with the Internship Coordinator and/or assigned supervisor(s) after review of submitted applications. Upon acceptance, it is the student's responsibility to schedule a starting date for the internship. An agreement must be completed between the intern, the College/University and Samaritan House.

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