Spring 2015 Practicum Opportunities

DSS Graduate Assistant

Practicum Description Summary
This practicum will offer the opportunity to work with the staff at the Office of Disability Services for Students to support individuals with receiving services from our office. In addition to working directly with students with temporary impairments, the Graduate Assistant (GA) will assist in the implementation of various initiatives to promote disability awareness and provide social engagement opportunities for students with disabilities. The GA will also have the opportunity to independently coordinate one event.

Sponsoring Office: Office of Disability Services for Students

Department/Office web site address: http://disabilityservices.indiana.edu

If multiple students can be selected for this position, please indicate the number of practicum students the site is willing to host:

Spring 2015 Number available: 1

Please identify any requirements outside the 8 hours per week of the practicum experience the student would be expected to complete:

The practicum hours will be mostly scheduled during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Participation in some evening events will be required and hours adjusted during the week so that the student does not work over 8 hours per week. Knowledge of disabling conditions in NOT required.

Learning outcomes associated with the practicum experience in your office:

The Graduate Assistant will:
- Understand the role of disability services on the IUB campus and the operation of a disability services office in higher education.
- Participate in new DSS student orientation to gain an understanding of accommodations at the post-secondary level.
- Gain greater familiarity with the campus and community resources available to students with disabilities.
- Work directly with students with a temporary impairments to gain insight to the supports needed and available.
- Gain experience planning and implementing disability related events on campus.
Provide a brief summary of the activities, duties, responsibilities and/or special projects associated with this position:

1. Work with DSS staff and RPS community educators to coordinate four events during the Spring Semester.
2. Work individually with students with temporary impairments, such as concussion and mobility impairments needing van service, to make arrangements that assist with class attendance and participation.
3. Work with staff to coordinate 3-4 social events for students registered with the DSS office, one of which the GA will independently plans and coordinate.
4. Assist with the Annual Awards Banquet in April.
5. Participate in selection of DSS scholarship recipients.
6. Shadow Disability Service Coordinators to learn about providing accommodations in higher education.

Site Supervisor for Practicum Experience

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