Title of Practicum
GROUPS Program/Thomas I. Atkins Living Learning Center

Practicum Description Summary
Incumbent will work with students and staff in the operation of the spring of summer program activities and events, including both face to face with students and administrative duties. Our students are low income, first generation, and/or physically impaired. The preponderance of students are African American, Latino, and Foreign Students (75%) and Caucasian (25%). All are from Indiana. The population demographics of the Atkins Community are similar with some students from out of state and international origin.

Sponsoring Office

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

Spring 2014 Number available: 1

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

There is one 8-hour Saturday in April dedicated to a Campus Visitation for our 300+ students and families, and there are opportunities to participate in Thomas I. Atkins Living Learning Center trips (Annual NYC Trip, Freedom Center, and other local activities as the suites the student interest).

Learning outcomes associated with the practicum experience in your office:

The GROUPS Program is a former FEDERAL TRIO program that was recognized nationally as a model program. A program of this size is unusual. It is huge, complex, and staffed by over 17 professional and numerous program PEER members. The incumbent will gain thorough knowledge and good experience in the operation of the program and how it serves its students.
In addition, they will learn the relationship that exists between RPS and a sponsoring program to develop and maintain a living learning center. The Thomas I. Atkins Living Learning Center is a family environment devoted to the study of African American history and culture. We emphasize academic achievement, community service, and mentoring youth. Our community is composed of all races and ethnic groups.

**Provide a brief summary of the activities, duties, responsibilities and/or special projects associated with this position:**

- Mentor student leader to foster student development
- Participate in February “Phone-a-thon” to prospective students accepted to program.
- Participate in a Campus Visitation of prospective students and families
- Take ownership of individual initiatives to benefit the Atkins Community
- Engage in conversations and planning to assist with development of Atkins long term goals
- Learn basic academic advising techniques
- Learn about COE, TRIO, and TRIO like programs
- Option to present workshops to students throughout the semester/summer program

**Site Supervisor for Practicum Experience**

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