2016 Internship Opportunity

Frontier Nursing University- Courier Program

Hyden, KY, 41775

Organization Mission - The courier program is “a service learning internship focused on serving rural and underserved communities.” It is “distinguished by its legacy and the adventurous nature of our site placements. Sites include rural health clinics and birth centers in Appalachia - as well as outpost locations across the country.”

Primary Service Area - Community and Individual Services, Healthcare and Public Health

Primary Groups of People Served - ,

Website URL and Facebook, or other information links, if available - http://www.frontier.edu/courier, https://www.facebook.com/groups/2408078621/

Title of Internship - Courier Program Intern

Primary Duties of Intern - Responsibilities will vary by site. Couriers will work approximately 30 hours per week at a clinical site and will also engage in the community through secondary projects each week. By the end of the internship, Couriers will:

● Participate in Courier bound orientation and Courier closing conference
● Complete a community health profile, paying particular attention to health equity issues
● Shadow clinicians in their work with patients
● Perform volunteer duties to meet critical clinical needs
● Assist in the clinics or other primary sites, helping administrative, management and staff teams as needed
● Engage directly with the community through secondary project(s)

**Seeking Skills and Interests**, including: Direct Client Relations, Leadership, Research. **Important Work Qualities include** - Self-motivated, Resilient, Adaptable. **Seeking Personal Qualities**, include - Successful applicants will be curious, adaptable, self-motivated and self-structured, have a commitment to respect and tolerance and be able to independently engage in unfamiliar situations.

**Percent of time internship is likely to spend with direct Client Contact** - 0.75

**Details**

**Does the Organization require its own Application process?** Formal phone interview

**Orientation for Intern** - Orientation takes place at the original Frontier Nursing Service, in Wendover, KY. The courier interns spend three days together and with the Courier Program Courier learning about the history of Frontier

Nursing Service and are introduced to the culture and values of southeastern Kentucky. After orientation the couriers travel to their independent clinical sites and home-stays (if applicable).

Supervision/Mentor Schedule: Each courier has a mentor at his or her clinical site. In addition to the Community Learning Agreement, the courier and mentor also complete a plan together as required by FNU. The courier and mentor meet weekly to discuss progress, learning opportunities, challenges, etc.

**Supervisor/Mentor Schedule** - Mentors are available on a daily basis, Courier Coordinator schedules weekly calls

**Physical Work Space** - Couriers will be working in rural and underserved areas, at either small clinics or at birth centers. Some sites will be underdeveloped in terms of infrastructure and Couriers should expect below-average access to internet, food choices and other amenitie

**Is this Organization Accessible via Public Transportation?** No, there is no public transportation. **Does this internship require the use of a car?** Yes, driving is important to fulfilling internship duties. **If on the job work requires use of a car, will the agency reimburse?** No. The intern must have a personal vehicle. No gas or milage reimbursement is possible.

**Personnel Background Security** - All interns will do a BG check, some clinic sites require fingerprinting - Background check only **Will your agency coordinate prior to internship?** Yes

**Is this a new offering in 2016?** No

**May more than one SHECP Intern fill this Position?** Yes. Two total. **Is this Organization offering other different SHECP Internship Placements?**

**Recommended Readings for internship preparations?** Wide Neighborhoods, Former Courier Stories available on the website http://www.frontier.edu/courier