Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services  
Greensboro, NC

Mission Statement:

The mission of the program for which the student will be interning is to provide direct access to fresh fruit and vegetables for residents of “food desert” neighborhoods characterized by high rates of poverty and poor access to supermarkets. The internship focus is an urban farm supplying the Mobile Oasis Farmers Market that serves residents of food desert areas of Greensboro and High Point, NC. The Warnersville Urban Farm is located in a Southeast Greensboro census tract (also known as the Warnersville community) with a high percentage of minority residents, high rates of poverty, low educational attainment, and a high percentage of households with SNAP/EBT.

Internship Title: Guilford County Healthy Food Access Project

On-site Supervisor/Co-educator:
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Indicate if there is someone other than the mentor that the Shepherd Internship Program staff should contact.
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Duties/Project Description:

- Gardening activities, including seed starting, planting, weeding, harvesting
- Support for mobile farmers market, including produce preparation, stocking, market set-up
- Assistance with volunteer coordination

Qualifications:

- Willing to work hard and get his or her hands dirty
- Experience with gardening a plus but not a necessity

Orientation Plan:

REV: July 2014
The supervisor will meet with the intern on day one, introduce the intern to project staff and other project partners and provide an orientation and overview of the project and the community context.

**Supervision/Mentor Schedule:**

During the first two weeks of the internship the intern will meet daily with the supervisor to receive guidance and instructions. As the intern becomes more comfortable with the farm and mobile market activities meetings with the supervisor may be reduced accordingly.

**Non-English language requirement?**

No requirement for non-English language

**Working Conditions:**

Intern will have a cubicle/office space available when not working in the field. The intern can bring his or her own laptop computer or one will be provided, along with a printer and other office equipment and supplies.

**Preparation:**
List books, articles, etc. the intern should read prior to the summer.
- Read background reports on food deserts and community health assessments in Guilford County (to be provided);

**Is the organization accessible via public transportation?** YES

**Does the internship require use of personal vehicle?** No, but encouraged