Greensboro Housing Coalition
Greensboro NC

Mission Statement: Greensboro Housing Coalition, the advocate for fair, safe, and affordable housing, has brought our community together to resolve complex housing problems: building collaborations with different organizations, advocating for public policy changes, and participating in research studies about best practices. We counsel homeowners facing foreclosure or needing repairs, tenants trying to prevent eviction or to get landlords to do maintenance, and homeless families to move into safe housing.

Internship Title: Healthy Homes Counselor
Tags: Housing, Health

Responsibilities/Projects:
• Helping tenants get their landlords to repair unsafe housing conditions that pose health risks
• Using an evidence-based assessment tool to calculate the likelihood of serious illness or injury from housing conditions, such as mold, roaches, carbon monoxide, lead, unsafe electrical wiring
• Raising community awareness about the connection of health and housing and about the disparities in housing conditions
• Measuring the improvement in pediatric asthma when mold and roaches are remediated in children’s homes

Qualifications:
• Perceptive and compassionate but having clear boundaries to be firm.
• Good at listening and problem-solving. Creative and energetic.
• Public health, pre-med, pre-law coursework or construction experience would be helpful.
• Strong written, verbal, and media communication skills.

Is there a language requirement? No language requirement; Spanish would be a plus.

Working Conditions: You will share an office with healthy homes housing counselors and have use of a computer. For home visits, having a car would be helpful.

On-site Supervisor/Mentor: Brett Byerly, Homeless Prevention Team Manager, 336-691-9521, brett@greensborohousingcoalition.com, 122 N. Elm St. Suite M-4, Greensboro NC 27401

Additional contact: Beth McKee-Huger, Executive Director, beth@greensborohousingcoalition.com, same phone and address

Mentorship Plan: At first, the student observes experienced healthy homes specialists doing housing assessments and interviews; the student and mentor discuss the reasons for the approach. Then, the student begins doing the assessments and interviews, with the mentor observing to build confidence and assure quality client service. When the student is ready, he or she begins handling cases independently, with mentor available by phone at all times; the student discusses the situation with experienced healthy homes specialists immediately upon return from home visits.

Preparation: We will send a reading list to the student in April.

Does the intern need to provide her own transportation? Almost essential for home visits.