Mission Statement: The mission of the program for which the student will be interning is to provide direct access to fresh healthy food for residents of “food desert” neighborhoods characterized by high rates of poverty and poor access to supermarkets. The internship focus is an urban farm and a mobile farmers market project in SE Greensboro food desert census tracts. See newspaper article about the project here: http://www.news-record.com/news/mobile-market-brings-produce-to-greensboro-neighborhoods/article_f48b0c4c-49e3-11e4-9739-001a4baf6878.html

Internship Title: Healthy Food Access Project

Responsibilities/Projects:

The intern will have opportunities to engage in a range of activities designed to reduce food insecurity through production of fruits and vegetables at an urban farm operation and provide direct community access to fresh produce through the Mobile Oasis Farmers Market. Depending on the student’s interests and skills, responsibilities, projects and activities may include:

- Gardening and farming activities including planting, cultivating, weeding and harvesting, building greenhouses;
- Set-up and operation of the Mobile Oasis Farmers Market;
- Interns with interests in nutrition and health education may conduct healthy cooking demonstrations at the mobile farmers market;
- Collection of program evaluation data;
- Community engagement and collaboration through participation in meetings, presentations and task forces involving community collaborators such as local universities, local government, non-profits and others working together to address issues of food insecurity and access.

Qualifications:

List qualities and skill sets are you seeking

Enthusiasm, energy and commitment to helping to address problems of food insecurity and poor access are the major qualities we are looking for. This internship does not require a highly technical skill set, but students with some experience, knowledge or interest in the following areas are likely to get the most out of the internship:

- Gardening or farming experience
- Knowledge of nutrition and health education
- Social research skills, i.e., conducting surveys and program evaluation

Is there a language requirement? If so, please specify the language and level of proficiency needed.

No language requirement.

Working Conditions:

Much of the work in this internship will take place on the site of the Warnersville Urban Farm and at mobile farmers market distribution sites. The intern will have a cubicle office space assigned for the internship period located at the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services. The office will include a laptop computer, video display, and printer.

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Mentorship Plan:
Outline your plan to orient and support the student, including having one-on-one meetings.
The on-site supervisor will meet with the student upon arrival in Greensboro and provide orientation to
the food access project as well as to the Department of Health and Human Services. He will introduce the
student intern to the food access project team and together discuss the student’s interests and project needs
for the summer. Depending on the specific interests of the student a plan for supervision and mentorship
will be developed with and for the student.

Preparation:
List books, articles, etc. the intern should read prior to the summer.
- A newspaper article about the project is located here: http://www.news-record.com/news/article_400cc6be-a54d-5806-b53a-ecbf5e5419dd.html
- For information about Growing Power, a similar program that provides inspiration for the
Guilford County project, check out: http://www.growingpower.org/PressKit-JULY-2012.pdf

Does the intern need to provide her own transportation?

Transportation is encouraged, but not required.