

School and Community Experiences

Placement Site Guide

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4-H Cooking 101

Booker T. Washington STEM Academy
606 E Grove St, Champaign, IL 61820

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Champaign County University of Illinois Extension
801 N Country Fair Dr; Champaign, IL

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Program Description:

The cooking program at Booker T Washington is designed to celebrate and showcase traditional culinary practices and recipes of the Booker T Washington school community. The recipes are designed around fruits and vegetables that the Booker T Washington students were interested in learning more about and cooking. The program aims to educate its audience on the history, cultural significance, and techniques involved in preparing and cooking dishes that are steeped in tradition. It seeks to foster an appreciation for cultural diversity and promote cross-cultural understanding through the exploration of food and culinary arts. The program may feature guest chefs, community members, and food experts who share their knowledge and skills in traditional cooking methods, ingredients, and flavors.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Training on positive youth development, classroom management, ages/stages, adapting lesson plans to be culturally and age appropriate.
- Adapt and teach lessons to the 4th-grade level following the Experiential Learning Model.
- Lead hands-on cooking lessons to 4th graders at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy.

Volunteer Hours: You will need to be available from approximately **8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays** starting September 22nd. A detailed lesson schedule will be given to the volunteers at the September 22nd orientation.

Training Sessions: This will take about 6-8 hours and will take place at the Champaign County Extension Office or via Zoom for check-ins. Training will take place September 22nd and 29th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will have a Zoom check-in in November. Unit 4 requires background checks.

Projected number of openings: 6

**Anita Purves Nature Center / Urbana Park District
Forest School**

1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana IL 61801

<https://www.urbanaparks.org/programs/nature-programs/>

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Urbana Park District (UPD) manages 22 parks and natural areas, as well as several facilities. UPD offers our community a wide variety of opportunities year-round including outreach programs, fitness/wellness, community/arts, sports/athletics, nature/environmental and school/afterschool programs.

Anita Purves Nature Center is a nature museum and environmental education facility open free to the public. The center features hands-on exhibits and offers programs for local classrooms and the general public. Outside the center is the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape and the trailhead to the Busey Woods natural area.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

Forest School: Under the supervision of the Environmental Public Program Coordinator, the Forest School program leaders develop and teach environmental education programs at the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape and Busey Woods (both locations outside, next to the Anita Purves Nature Center). Participant fees fund these programs.

Children age 6-12 years participate in this drop-off program each Wednesday from 1-4pm, October 4 – December 13 (2023). Forest School themes are emergent—depending on current events in nature and the interests of the students—yet often include fire-building and safety, outdoor cooking, making/working with tools, and creative problem solving.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteers will work as many Wednesdays as possible from Oct 4 – Dec 13. Volunteers can sign up to work from ~12:30-4:30pm (for the full duration of the program) or from ~2:30-4:30pm (to assist primarily with snack time around the campfire).

Requirements: EDUC 201 students who would like to work with the Urbana Park District will need to complete a volunteer information form and agree to a background check, after being assigned to this community placement.

Orientation/training sessions may be required for the above volunteer opportunity.

Projected number of openings: 1-2

**Anita Purves Nature Center / Urbana Park District
School Field Trips & Naturalist in the Classroom**

1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana IL 61801

<https://www.urbanaparks.org/programs/nature-programs/>

Site Supervisor: Chelsea Prah

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Anita Purves Nature Center is a nature museum and environmental education facility open free to the public. The center features hands-on exhibits and offers programs for local classrooms and the public. Staff facilitate programs at various natural areas in the district as well as off-site programs in classrooms, with community organizations and more.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

School Field Trips: Under the supervision of the Environmental Education Coordinator, the Environmental Education Leaders develop and lead nature-based programs at the Urbana Park District's natural areas.

Students on School Field Trips participate in 1.5- to 2-hour-long structured programs that often include an introduction of concepts and a hike accompanied with activities throughout the adventure. All programs follow Next Generation Science and IL Learning Standards.

Naturalist in the Classroom programs: Under the supervision of the Environmental Education Coordinator, the Environmental Education Leaders develop and lead nature-based programs for local educators in their classrooms.

Students who participate in Naturalist in the Classroom programs will assist with hour-long structured programs that often include an introduction of concepts, activities, and education animal presentations. All programs follow Next Generation Science and IL Learning Standards.

Volunteer Hours: There are volunteer opportunities Monday through Friday anywhere between 9:00am – 2:00pm. School Field Trips and Naturalist in the Classroom programs are scheduled upon request. Volunteers will sign up with the coordinator and will be updated as new programs and opportunities arise. You may select one shift or as many as you would like.

Requirements: EDUC 201 students who would like to work with the Urbana Park District will need to complete a volunteer information form and agree to a background check, after being assigned to this community placement. Orientation/training sessions are available for the above volunteer opportunity.

Projected number of openings: 6

Circle of Friends Adult Day Center

609 W. Washington St. Champaign, IL 61820

<http://www.circleoffriendsadc.net/>

Site Supervisor: Kathy Rhoads, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, CSW-G: Program Owner/Director

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Circle of Friends Adult Day Center is an adult day program that provides opportunities for seniors and disabled adults to socialize with others in a safe home like atmosphere. Trained staff provides medical monitoring, personal care assistance, supervision for safety, exercise/therapy, meals and fun activities during the day. Our customers return to their homes in the evening. We want to help seniors age in place in their homes or with their families, preventing or postponing nursing home placement.

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

- Helping with games and activities
- Running small and large groups using your own talents. (i.e., exercise class or music program)
- Attend caregiver meetings as interested and able
- Attend senior meetings as interested and able
- Work with customers 1:1 who may need more individualized attention

Volunteer Hours: We are open Monday through Friday from 7:30-5:30. Later mornings, and afternoons seem the best time for interacting with customers.

Training Sessions and other requirements: Training sessions on the program will take place in person with Director. Only fully COVID-19 vaccinated students can volunteer in-person. Masks must be worn at this time.

Projected number of openings: 4 students

Clark-Lindsey Village

101 W. Windsor Drive Urbana, IL 61802

<http://www.clarklindsey.com>

Site Supervisor: Nancy Vinson

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Clark-Lindsey Village is the only nonprofit Life Plan Community in Urbana. It is situated on 27 acres bordering Urbana's Meadowbrook Park and is on the edge of the University of Illinois at Champaign. We have many levels of living, independent living in our apartments, skilled living in our health center and Green House Homes, and Rehab care and Respite stays. Our mission is to engage the mind, spirit, and body in wellness and community so that older adults may thrive. We strive to foster a culture of excellence, centered around well-being, and encompassing our four core values of meaningful Life, empowered staff, community engagement, and real home. Our Culture is about building relationships with our residents and supporting our resident's interests.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students :

- Building relationships with our elders
 - Offering interactive, engaging activities, such as trivia, word games, games, storytelling and scrapbooking
 - Presentation and discussion on travels, offering photos and sharing the history of the area in which you have traveled.
 - Lead in music, singing or playing of an instrument offering an opportunity to listen to music or sing a long.
 - Lead an art or craft activity (I can supply any materials or supplies they would need to participate in this activity).
 - Share your pet, have your pet present in the visit and share the history of your pet. (I would need a vaccination record of your pet , prior to their arrival)
 - Lead an exercise session
 - Share some U of I history

The best scenario to volunteer is to be in the building so you can offer interactive opportunities to volunteer. All volunteers are required to have the COVID vaccination. In addition, you could take residents for walks outside and tend to gardens with them. Even on a brisk day a resident may want the fresh air. You could also interview new residents as they enter the building.

Our volunteer opportunities offer experience in program planning, elder care, lifelong learning, and healthcare.

Volunteer Hours: Hours available Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Some Saturdays.

Training Session: Background check and online application & orientation <http://www.clark-lindsey.com/work-volunteer>. On-site orientations will be provided on the student's first day.

Projected number of openings:- 4-5 students

Thank you for thinking of volunteering at Clark Lindsey. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nancy Vinson

Resident Engagement Specialist/Volunteer Coordinator

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Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club
Reading Partners

Martens Center, 1515 N. Market St., Champaign 61820

Site Supervisor: Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley

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The Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club believes that all young people should have the opportunity to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. This commitment extends to all youth regardless of nationality, religion, race, creed or gender. In the Champaign-Urbana community, an increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. These boys and girls are left to find their own companionship and recreation in the streets. The mission of the Club is to fill the gap in the lives of children when parents cannot be present. By offering after school programming and other recreational activities, the Club provides a safe, healthy option.

Reading Partner Tutors: Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club has set up a reading program modeled after the Reading Partners Program developed in Oakland, California. This term the sessions will be conducted in person. The experience involves providing one on one tutoring twice a week for students in the 2nd – 6th grade. Each EDUC 201 student who participates in this experience will be assigned one young reader. Tutoring sessions will be scheduled for one hour two days each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Each tutoring day runs from 4:30- 5:30 PM. Each session with a young reader will last 45 minutes. The other 15 minutes will be used to prepare the session and to record notes at the end of the session.

Volunteer Hours: Reading Tutors need to be available on both Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm.

Requirements: All EDUC 201 students need to undergo a background check and all students, except Reading Partner tutors, need to participate in a general orientation session on club procedures and goals. Tutors are required to attend two 2-hour training sessions before they begin tutoring. **Training sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, September 12 and 15, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Tutors need to attend both sessions.**

During the term students will be given links to several 2–7 minute training videos to watch. Several follow-up training sessions will be held during the term during the same Tuesday or Thursday time slot.

Projected number of openings: 20 - 25 tutors

Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club
Elementary
Homework Tutors/Academic Success Program

1515 N Market St, Champaign, IL 61820

<http://dmbgc.org/>

Site Supervisor: Amy Watson (Elementary Services Coordinator)

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Interim Site Director: Monica Miles (Chief Operating Officer)

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The mission of **Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club** is “to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.” This commitment extends to all youth, ages 5-17, in Champaign County and surrounding areas from all walks of life who are at-risk with a focus in the areas of academic success, good character & citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. An increasing number of children need resources and community programs to achieve early grade-level success. The Academic Support Program aims to assist youth with this by reinforcing what is taught in school throughout the day while providing a safe and positive environment for conducive learning.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 include:

Elementary Homework Tutors: Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club provides an opportunity for our Elementary-aged Club Members to complete their homework. Our in-person Power Hour program for our Elementary-aged Club Members operates Monday-Friday between 3:30p and 4:30p. During this time, tutors will have the opportunity to assist Club Members in grades K-5 in finishing their homework and providing extra support for the following disciplines: English/Reading/Writing, Math/Science and Social Sciences.

Academic Support Program Volunteers: Everyday, Elementary Club Members are provided the opportunity to participate in a variety of in-person high-yield learning activities. These high-yield learning activities are facilitated between 2:30p and 5:30p Monday-Friday for grades K-5. During these times, volunteers will assist staff in implementing and supervising activities scheduled for the day. This opportunity is of special interest to students interested in the following core area programs: Leadership & Service, Health & Wellness, Education, Arts, and Sports & Recreation.

Volunteer Hours:

- Elementary Homework Tutors availability Monday-Friday between 3:30p- 4:30p.
- Academic Support Program Volunteers availability Monday-Thursday between 2:30p-3:30p and Friday between 2:30p-5:30p.

Training Sessions: All EDUC 201 students need to participate in a general orientation session on Club procedures and goals and need to undergo a background check as well as complete a volunteer application.

Projected number of openings: 10

Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club
Teen
Homework Tutors/Academic Success Program

201 E. Park Street Champaign, Illinois 61820

<http://dmbgc.org/>

Site Supervisor: Ashia Ravanh (Teen Services Coordinator)

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Site Director: Terry Cole (Teen Services Director)

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Opportunities for EDUC 201 include:

Teen Homework Tutors: Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club provides an opportunity for our Teen Club Members to complete their homework. Our in-person Power Hour program for our Teen Club Members operates Monday-Thursday between 3:00p and 4:30p. During this time, tutors will have the opportunity to assist Club Members in grades 6-12 in finishing their homework and providing extra support for the following disciplines: English/Reading/Writing, Math/Science, Social Sciences and Language Arts (Spanish, French, German, English).

Academic Support Program Volunteers: Everyday Teen Club Members can participate in a variety of in-person high-yield learning. Project Learn in the core program areas of Character & Leadership, Health, Career Development/S.T.E.M.(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Arts, and Sports, Fitness, & Recreation. These high-yield learning activities are facilitated between 4:30p and 6:30p Monday- Thursday for grades 6-12, and between 3:00p and 7:00p Friday for Grades 6-12. During these times, volunteers will assist staff in implementing and supervising activities scheduled for the day.

Volunteer Hours:

- Teen Homework Tutors availability Monday-Thursday between 3:00p- 4:30p.
- Academic Success Program Volunteers availability Monday-Thursday between 4:30p-6:30p, and Friday between 3:00p-7:00p.

Training Sessions: All EDUC 201 students need to participate in a general orientation session on Club procedures and goals and need to undergo a background check as well as complete the volunteer application.

Projected number of openings: 10

ESSER
Urbana School District #116
After School Programming

Site Supervisor: Tonya Dieken

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Urbana School District #116 ESSER After School Programming offers students an extended day for learning and enrichment activities. The program meets twice a week, provides students with a snack, transportation, homework support, intervention activities and enrichment.

Participating schools:

Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Elementary

1108 Fairview Ave
Urbana, IL 61801

Dr. Preston L. Williams Jr. Elementary

2102 E Washington St
Urbana, IL 61802

Thomas Paine Elementary

1801 James Cherry Ave.
Urbana, IL 61802

Yankee Ridge Elementary

2102 S. Anderson St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

Volunteers will be providing homework support, activity supervision, and educational work with students in grades K-5.

Volunteer Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 – 4:30 pm

Requirements: District will provide orientation and training. Background check will need to be conducted prior to work with students.

Projected number of openings: 4 students per building

Girls Go For It

301 W Green St Urbana, IL
<http://www.girlsgoforit.com/>

Site Supervisor: Denise Poindexter

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Girls Go For It (GGFI) is an after-school program dedicated to educating and empowering young girls from local schools and/or community partners. Our mission is to develop the leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, and professional abilities of young girls through building confidence, knowledge, and creating opportunity. The leadership gap in the professional world between men and women is no secret; statistics show girls are discouraged from speaking in class and are more likely to be interrupted. Through directed professional leadership training, we will give young girls the foundation they need to bridge that gap and use their voice as an avenue to advocate.

GGFI's curriculum is focused on self-confidence, empowerment, challenges women face, entrepreneurship, and career building. Activities for the girls include team building, discussions, presentations, and more. Given the uncertainty of the available school resources, schedule and format this program may be in-person or virtual or consist of several one-day program options.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

GGFI Coach: Our coaches will receive training and support to be a successful coach, mentor, and leader. They will collaborate with other coaches to create the best environment for the girls. Coaches will teach lessons based-off of a set curriculum (both in English or Spanish). This experience will allow coaches to utilize and continue to develop public speaking skills and facilitation skills. The coaches will also have opportunities to develop new activities and discussion topics for future Girls Go For It classes. We are looking for EDUC 201 students who are creative and excited to engage with young girls at local schools or community partner locations. This experience should appeal to students interested in public service education, program planning, mentorship and advocacy, and social justice issues/activism in education.

As this is an educational and empowerment program for girls, we are specifically interested in obtaining female coaches from EDUC 201. Providing our students with strong female role models/mentors is at the cornerstone of our mission and program objectives.

Volunteer Hours: The fall 2023 program for coaches will begin in September through the end of the fall semester, excluding fall break and any holidays. The instruction times are roughly from 2:00- 4:15pm or 3:00-5:15pm. These times may vary slightly, in accordance with school schedules, one-day program, or a virtual program option.

Training Sessions: There will be mandatory training for coaches before the program begins. Training sessions may be in-person or virtual with exact dates/times to be determined.

Transportation: GGFI sites are at Champaign or Urbana schools or community partner locations and the final sites will be determined at a later date. Most GGFI sites are accessible via MTD bus routes.

Projected number of openings: 15-20 (female participants only) and bi-lingual a plus.

**The Holocaust Education Center and Hillel
University of Illinois**

503 E. John St., Champaign, IL 61820

Site Supervisor: Brian Kahn

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The Holocaust Education Center and Hillel at the University of Illinois would like to offer Education Students a unique opportunity to advance their understanding of teaching about the Holocaust, learn skills around Holocaust Education, and be provided with the opportunity to participate and plan Holocaust Remembrance activities in conjunction with commemoration of Kristallnacht in the month of November. This opportunity should be useful for students in exploring Holocaust and Genocide education while learning the skills of implementing state mandated learning.

The students participating in this project will:

- Learn about the Illinois Mandate to teach about the Holocaust and genocide.
- Learn the methodology of teaching about the Holocaust (including outlines and guidelines).
- Learn about resources for Holocaust Education.
- The students will be able to select opportunities to plan and participate in Holocaust Remembrance activities and events. Possible events for fall include: Commemoration of Kristallnacht (week of November 6, 2023).
- The students will be offered the opportunity to prepare short presentations on resistance efforts during the Holocaust to selected classrooms via Zoom throughout the area.

The Holocaust Education Center has professionals that have taught Holocaust education in schools, academic and informal settings. They will provide the information, along with selected guest speakers, at the majority of meetings conducted via Zoom or in-person at Hillel. Hillel will help provide informational background to the Holocaust and help the students with the logistics in conjunction with the various events and activities.

Volunteer Hours: Zoom meetings will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In-person sessions at Hillel will start at 5:00 pm and last until 7:00. Other times will be scheduled based on student availability.

Projected number of openings: 15-20 students

Hope Center Free Food Pantry

1802 N Lincoln Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

<http://www.thevineyardchurch.us/community/ministries/hope-center/>

Site Supervisor: Arica Weir

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The Hope Center Free Food Pantry, an outreach of the Vineyard Church of Central Illinois, meets basic food needs for all Champaign County residents. Individuals and families may visit the pantry once a week to receive groceries free of charge: canned goods or boxed foods, fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy and meats are regularly available.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

Students will assist with serving families on Wednesdays from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm or 3:45-6:15 pm. Includes drive through services.

These opportunities should appeal to students interested in food and social justice, education policy, and community organizing.

Language Note: We refer to the community members we serve as clients, guests, or families.

Hours: Wednesday serving the public from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm or 3:45-6:15 pm

Training: The Hope Center Food Market training will be one on one with a more experienced volunteer. Students must fill out their application in addition to the EDUC 201 application.

<https://www.hopecenter.us/get-involved>

Projected number of openings: 5 students

International Education

1210 W Nevada St, Urbana, IL 61801

<https://internationaled.illinois.edu>

Site Supervisor: Dr. Yun Shi

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The **International Education (IE)** is a unit under Student Success, Inclusion and Belonging (SSIB) of Student Affairs. It is housed within Asian American Cultural Center. IE offers programs and events throughout the year to support students, international and domestic. IE's mission is - To embrace world cultures and global perspectives, engage international and domestic students, and empower all students with global learning opportunities through co-curricular activities and programs. Its vision is to provide transformative learning experience to nurture world citizens and future leaders in local and global contexts.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Participating in cultural events
- Interacting with students of different backgrounds
- Developing intercultural communication skills
- Exploring identities and self-awareness
- Enhancing global perspectives
- Honing customer service skills

Volunteer Hours: Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7 pm

need volunteers from 5-7:30 pm to set up/clean up as well. Volunteers can choose flexible/shorter/rotating shifts.

Requirements: There will be on-site training and no background check is required.

Projected number of openings: 2-3 each week

Jubilee Café

805 S 6th St, Champaign, IL 61820_
<https://www.facebook.com/jubileecafecucc>

Site Supervisor: Johnell Bentz

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Jubilee Café at Community United Church of Christ in Champaign, IL, has been serving a free weekly meal since October 2017. Since we began, the number of people we serve has increased each month. As of February 2020, we were serving an average of 75 guests per week. We serve local community members, University of Illinois students, and individuals without a permanent address.

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

Assist in preparing, cooking, washing dishes and serving meals for Jubilee Café.

Volunteer Hours:

Monday between 3 - 5 pm

Requirements:

Willingness to work in a kitchen to prepare meals in an efficient manner. Follow all CDC recommendations: wear mask, pull back long hair. Aprons and all equipment will be provided. Prefer volunteers with Food Handler license. We can assist volunteers in getting this license. Some cooking experience helpful, even cooking for yourself.

Projected number of openings: 2 students

Leonhard Recreation Center After School Program

2307 Sangamon Drive, Champaign

www.champaignparks.org

Site Supervisor: Shannon Walter

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Phone: 217-819-3988

Leonhard Recreation Center After School Program is an after school program through the Champaign Park District for K-5th grade. We have approximately 20 children enrolled. Our homework time is from 4:45p-5:30p.

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

We are in need of individuals who are willing to help children individually or in very small groups with homework and activities.

Volunteer Hours: Monday – Friday from 4:45 – 5:30 pm

Pick your days; approximately 3 days a week needed to earn 20 hours in the semester.

Requirements: Volunteers would go through a small training with Shannon Walter and be required to complete a background check online at www.champaignparks.org paid for by the Champaign Park District.

Projected number of openings: 2 - 3 students per day

Pavilion Foundation School

809 W. Church St. Champaign, IL
www.pavilionfoundationschool.com

Site Supervisor: Lidiya Wang
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Phone: 217-373-1774

Pavilion Foundation School is a private therapeutic day school located on the Pavilion Behavioral Health System campus. The school serves youths who have been identified with emotional disorders, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, autism, and other mental/emotional involvement. Students at Pavilion are either residents of Pavilion Residential Treatment Center, or day students from Champaign, Urbana, and surrounding communities. The goal for the Pavilion Foundation School is that all students who enroll will show improvements in their behavior so that they may return to a less restrictive educational setting.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

Tutor/Mentor. Programming will involve tutoring, mentoring, and empowering students who have shown an inability to function within a regular education setting. Illinois students who participate at Pavilion will have the unique opportunity of developing methods for empowering youth in two ways: (1) Homework Assistance will be offered by Illinois students in academic areas needed. (2) Mentoring & Special Projects will be developed by EDUC 201 students including behavior management, social skill development, and/or education and career exploration and planning.

EDUC 201 students who want to work with Pavilion students will have the unique opportunity to receive professional training in person-centered, youth-empowered education planning especially for students with complex developmental issues. Training focuses on resource development, IEP review, and Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Language/Cognitive Behavior Therapy. This opportunity should appeal to EDUC 201 students interested in classroom management, educational policy, special education, and leadership development

Volunteer Hours: Hours of operation are between 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Monday-Friday. Volunteer hours will be a set weekly schedule that will be determined by the classroom teacher and volunteer. Students will volunteer for two to four hours per week.

Requirements: EDUC 201 students who would like to volunteer at Pavilion Foundation School will need to complete an application form, background check, and orientation with Pavilion School Staff after being assigned to this community placement.

Projected number of openings: 4

Project READ at Parkland College

Room D133
2400 W Bradley Ave
Champaign, IL 61821
parkland.edu/projectread

Site Supervisor: Cassie Alpers, Program Manager

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Project READ is housed in the Adult Education department at Parkland College and is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Library, a division of the Illinois Secretary of State. Project READ tutors help adult learners who have low literacy and/or numeracy skills. Our learners might need support in reading, basic math, or English as a second language. Project READ trains tutors to understand the unique needs of adult learners, and we provide materials so our tutors can help our learners succeed.

For students enrolled in EDUC 201, Project READ offers the opportunity to volunteer at our only family literacy program. This program is called the Parent Family Learning Lab and is a partnership between Project READ, the Champaign Park District, and the Douglass Branch of the Champaign Public Library. This program consists of 5 components: adult education, child education, parenting, parent/child together activities, and library services. The 3 partners work together to provide a twice weekly program for families that incorporates all 5 of these components. Please see below for more details.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Working with the child participants at the Parent Family Learning Lab
 - Up to 4 hours per week
 - Planning, setting up, and leading activities for child participants

Volunteer Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30PM at the Martens Center (1515 N. Market St.)

Requirements: Attendance at one “Introduction to Tutoring Session” (two are offered per month)

Projected number of openings: 2

Salt & Light

1819 South Philo Road, Urbana, IL 61802

www.saltandlightministry.org

Site Supervisor: Lisa Sheltra

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Phone: 217-355-5654

Salt & Light is a community-development-based poverty alleviation organization that operates non-profit grocery and thrift stores. The stores work on a participant-based payment option that allows people experiencing financial hardship to earn store credit on a participant account through volunteering. Community shopping provides the economic support for participant credit that is used as payment for groceries, clothing, furniture, and other household items.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- **Grocery**—stocking, facing, tagging, managing display and maintaining inventory in the grocery store
- **Thrift**—stocking, staging, rotating, and quality control of inventory and presentation in the thriftstore
- **Donations**—receiving, sorting, testing, pricing, and processing donated items to prepare them for the sales floor
- **Customer service**—serving customers directly at the donation driveway, jewelry counter, or checkout line

These opportunities should appeal to students interested in food security, dignity-based poverty alleviation efforts, and personal and community development.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours are available Monday through Saturday 9am - 8pm, and on Sundays from 11am - 5pm.

Training Session: Students must attend one of Salt & Light's regular weekly volunteer orientations.

Transportation: Off-campus site accessible by car or MTD. There is ample free parking on site. If using MTD, you may plan your route with MTD's most current information at <https://mtd.org/maps-and-schedules/plan-trip/>

Projected number of openings: 20-50+

SPLASH – Urbana Park District

505 W. Stoughton St. Urbana, IL

<http://www.urbanaparks.org/about-us/mission/>

Site Supervisor: Katie Bickers

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Phone: 217-367-1544

Urbana Park District (UPD) manages 22 parks and natural areas, as well as several facilities. UPD offers our community a wide variety of opportunities year-round including outreach programs, fitness/wellness, community/arts, sports/athletics, nature/environmental and school/afterschool programs.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

SPLASH (Students Playing and Learning After School Hours): Under the supervision of the Community Program Coordinator, the SPLASH program leaders develop and teach recreational and educational programs at the Urbana Middle School and Leal Elementary School. These programs are grant funded.

Children participate in 30- to 45-minute structured classes, often falling under one of the following themes: Music, Art, Soccer, Gymnastics, Construction, Painting, Nature, Food, Construction, Literacy, Science, or Dance.

Volunteer Hours: There are several volunteer opportunities in the afterschool hours Monday and Wednesday starting anywhere between 2:30-3:30pm and ending between 5-5:30pm depending on the school. You may select one day or both. Students will volunteer for 2-5 hours per week. Students should maintain their weekly volunteer schedule throughout the semester.

Requirements: EDUC 201 students who would like to work with the Urbana Park District will need to complete a volunteer information form and agree to a background check, after being assigned to this community placement.

Projected number of openings: 8

U4 - Champaign Unit 4 School District
South Side Elementary School
<https://www.champaignschools.org/>

South Side Elementary School Library

712 S. Pine St., Champaign, IL 61820

Site Supervisor: Karen Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator and Librarian

Email: johnstka@u4sd.org

Activity: Students would be working with small groups (3-4) of 4th and 5th grade students who could use some positive adult interaction and attention during the day.

Schedule: Tuesday – Friday, 11:50 am – 12:35 pm
(at least 3 days required to meet 20-hour requirement)

Requirements: A background check is required

Openings: Up to 5 students

UniPlace Christian Church

403 S Wright St. Champaign, IL 61820

<http://www.uniplace.org>

Site Supervisor: Jessica Dager

Email: outreach@uniplace.org

Phone: 217-352-5118

UniPlace is a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation that is driven to be a vibrant part of our CU community. Because of this, we are always seeking new avenues to continue connecting our faith and convictions. This year we will be focusing on our Community Dinner program, relationship with other community organizations and non-profits through the DREAAM program and CU Pride, as well as other justice initiatives. UniPlace can provide students with opportunities that will not only fulfill a student's volunteer requirements, but also engage them in meaningful work. Our hope is that, through their experience here, the students can continue to recognize and advocate for the needs of those around them.

Community Dinner: 10 students

Our dinner happens every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm-7:00pm with preparation shifts starting as early as 3 pm. It is a free dinner that serves between 75 and 150 people each week.

DIY Community Service Project: 4 students (one group)

If there are students who have a passion they believe we can help facilitate, but is not explicitly mentioned by any proposals, I am able to sit down with the group and come up with a project that they can create together and execute with my supervision. If this is a route that the students hope to take, after discussing my expectations of them, I will help create a plan that includes training and interaction with the CU community

Training Session: Provided on site.

Transportation: ON CAMPUS. Our building is located on the lot surrounded by Springfield Ave, Wright Street, Stoughton Avenue and Sixth Street. We are across from Wright Street from the old Kinney Gym, near the Engineering Quad, a few blocks north of the Alma Mater statue. The building entrance during the week is from the parking lot on the west side of the building.

Projected number of openings: 10-14

**Unitarian Universalist Church of
Urbana-Champaign**

309 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801

<http://uucuc.org/>

Site Supervisor: Kelly Skinner

Email: religious-exploration@uucuc.org

Phone: 217-384-8862

UUCUC is a Welcoming Congregation. We work for justice through our Social Justice programs and through supporting local organizations dedicated to addressing injustices in our community. Our shared plate offering gives more than \$16,000 a year to support local, state, and nation-wide nonprofits. We offer educational programming such as the Our Whole Lives and the Building Bridges curriculum to promote values of understanding, inclusivity and social justice.

Our mission is to... Build Community. Seek Inspiration. Promote Justice. Find Peace.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

NURSERY ASSISTANT

We have a nursery and provide childcare to our congregation for events throughout the year. The Nursery Assistant will typically work with infants through 5 years old.

- Caring for and playing with children, changing diapers, light cleaning, bottle feeding or serving snacks, communicating with parents, and changing bed linens.
- Parent sign-in and sign-out
- Leaving the room neat and clean after the service, including washing dirty toys and placing bed linens in the laundry basket to be washed.

Volunteer Hours: Sunday mornings between 10am-noon and options to volunteer during scheduled evening or weekend events.

Requirements: Previous experience in early childhood education or working with infants or toddlers is preferred. Must be able to pass a background check.

Projected number of openings: 2

PROGRAM ASSISTANT:

Assist the Manager of Religious Exploration and Engagement in administrative tasks related to carrying out the regular program for children, youth, and adults. Tasks may include:

- Creating and posting bulletin boards related to monthly themes
- Assisting with lesson plans, building supply lists, making copies, and supporting weekly lessons for PreK-K, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6, Neighboring Faiths, YRUU, OWL classes

- Data entry for weekly class attendance
- Assist with parent and family communication
- Assist with planning, gathering materials, and possibly working at monthly programs (Game Nights, Parents Night Out, Popcorn Theology, adult education etc)
- Creating monthly themed resource list for parents and families

Volunteer Hours: Monday-Friday from 10am-6pm or Sundays from noon to 4pm, options to volunteer during scheduled evening or weekend events

Projected number of openings: 3

University Primary School

51 Gerty Drive Champaign, IL_
<https://uniprimary.illinois.edu/>

Site Supervisor: Dr. Alisha (Ali) Lewis, Principal

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Phone: 217-333-3996

University Primary School (Uni Primary) is a Prek-5th grade Reggio Emilia inspired lab school where children and staff are engaged in creative, challenging, and meaningful curricular inquiries informed by Common Core Standards. Our school has been The College of Education's lab school for 40+ years. Located here on campus, we enjoy the intellectual resources of our amazing University, model recommended practices in education, work with student teachers and volunteers from a myriad of programs, and we are a hub for collaborations across campus and in the Champaign- Urbana community. For more information about Uni Primary please visit our school website:

<https://uniprimary.illinois.edu/>

This year we will be accepting student volunteers during the school day, after school, and on a few Saturdays (9:00 AM-Noon). Volunteers must agree to comply with the school's COVID protocols when volunteering, which comply with the University and State Board of Education. Volunteers will support small groups of children during the school day or afterschool, working alongside teachers. On Saturdays, volunteers will help with on- going projects such as organizing and preparing materials/spaces. Volunteers should not select this placement unless they are willing to be engaged and enthusiastic about the opportunity.

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

- Working alongside school teachers in their classrooms on tasks and activities with children.
- Supporting children's' play in the afterschool setting.
- Materials organizing and sorting.
- Library book organizing, stickering, and sorting.
- Outdoor playground work, resetting spaces and materials.
- Copying and collecting materials/manipulatives as directed by teachers.
- Working with Ali Lewis (school director) to plan and support a few evening Family Events

Volunteer Hours: School days Monday-Friday between 8:00 AM-3:00 PM or afterschool 2:45-5:45 PM; volunteers should plan on a 2-3 hour block of weekly, consistent time(s). There will be a few Saturday volunteer dates TBD 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

Volunteers are expected to finish out their weekly schedule through the fall semester, which may exceed class required hours.

Training Session: Students are required to complete an online orientation prior to volunteering. Volunteers will be required to pass a fingerprint background check and any other necessary background checks prior to beginning volunteering. The cost of the background check will be paid by the school.

Projected Number of Openings: 15-20 spots

Transportation: Uni Primary is located at The Children's Research Building on campus and has metered, parking available -or- take the MTD Yellow Hopper Gerty Drive bus to the school. Enter the school at the security door on the southeast side by ringing the doorbell.

Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center

1401 E Main St, Urbana, IL 61802

<https://www.urbanconnectionscenter.org/>

Site Supervisor: Jeniece Mitchell / Laura Parks

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Phone: 217-954-1749

Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center is a community center for families and an after school academically oriented program for children primarily from the Urbana School District. UNCC provides in-person services for kindergarten through high school youth 3:00-6:00 p.m. daily during the school year working on academic, recreational, STEAM, mentoring, and life skills.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Assisting with homework for students from kindergarten through high school
 - Tutoring students in kindergarten through middle school
 - Reading intervention for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade
 - Assisting activity leaders in group activities
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Volunteer Hours: 3:15 pm – 5:45 pm Mondays through Fridays.

Requirements: UI students will have an orientation before starting. Site supervisor will be available for assistance on some days. Background checks are required and will be arranged and paid for by the Center.

Projected number of openings: 5

The Well Experience

1803 Philo Rd, Urbana, IL 61802

<https://www.thewellexperience.org/>

Site Supervisor: Stephanie Cockrell

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Phone: 217-530-0147

The Well Experience – Well Kids Learning Hub provides kindergarten readiness for birth through age 5 during the day (8:30 am - 4:30 pm). We also provide after-school programming (3 pm - 6 pm) with a focus on closing the achievement gap for Black children.

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

We would like to train volunteers in the PRIDE Reading program which is the reading curriculum we have selected to help students learn to read. They will also work with students on the IXL Math program. The Well Experience welcomes daytime and after-school program staff to help us meet these goals. Each volunteer will be linked with a set of students to provide focused support in group and individual sessions.

Volunteer Hours:

Daytime hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm After school hours: 3 pm – 6 pm

Requirements: Volunteers are required to pass a DCFS Background Check and will be trained on Cultural Competency, Trauma Basics, PRIDE Reading, and IXL Math.

Projected number of openings:

5 daytime openings

5 after school openings

Wesley Food Pantry

1203 W. Green Street Urbana, IL

<http://www.wesleypantry.org>

Site Supervisor: Dawn Longfellow, Operations Manager

Email: operations@wesleypantry.org

Phone: 217-344-1120

The Wesley Food Pantry serves approximately 18,000 food insecure residents each year at two food pantry locations. The Evening Pantry food distribution occurs at the Wesley Student Center every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The Parkland College location is open every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm, as well as on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00am to noon.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- University Grab-and-Go location. Students will be responsible for the upkeep of grab-and-go food stations at various campus locations. EDUC 201 students will keep track of inventory, make suggestions for healthy items, and check in on stations weekly. This opportunity should appeal to EDUC 201 students interested in food security, social justice, community development, and health fields.
- Parkland College distribution volunteers. Volunteers will help organize, stock, and distribute food at our community college location. This opportunity should appeal to EDUC 201 students interested in food security, social justice, community development, and health fields.
- Client Education & Social Services. Students can staff the client educational area during food distributions and connect clients with community resources. A Children's Activity Center is available for kids to make crafts and read books. EDUC 201 students may plan, organize, and deliver activities for visiting children as well as help direct clients to resources available at each distribution. This opportunity should appeal to EDUC 201 students interested in early childhood education, public relations, social policy, social work and public service information.
- Social Media Marketing. Students can create content for social media and help the pantry connect with more volunteers and donors. Students can write articles for newsletters. This opportunity should appeal to students interested communications, community outreach, public relations, and graphic arts.

Volunteer Hours: Interns should be available during the Evening Pantry distributions, which are every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Interns can maintain flexible hours to prepare for the Evening Pantry. If the internship project does not require direct client interaction, students can maintain flexible hours. Students should volunteer for 2 to 4 hours per week.

Training Session: Interns should have a resume and participate in a 1-hour orientation training.

Transportation: ON CAMPUS. Wesley Student Center is an on-campus site. Parkland College is an off-campus site and accessible via MTD bus routes.

Projected number of openings: 3

Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE) LEADers

<https://students.grainger.illinois.edu/WYSE/wyse-leaders-projects/>

Site Supervisor: Lara Hebert

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WYSE LEADers program at The Grainger College of Engineering provides opportunities for undergraduate students to develop leadership, teaching, and communication skills by mentoring talented and diverse pre-college students interested in STEM. Together they explore engineering and the sciences through hands-on, minds-on activities. WYSE strives to overcome opportunity gaps by providing students from historically excluded populations with opportunities to experience success and to see themselves as future engineers, programmers, mathematicians, and scientists.

Opportunities for EDUC201 students include a variety of STEM education volunteer options including, but not limited to:

- IMAGINE FIRST Lego League Robotics Club (Grades 4-8) at DREAAM on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (TBD) 5:30-7:30pm at DREAAM House. Tentatively starting in mid-September. DREAAM is a community impact organization serving youth in the Champaign, Urbana, and Rantoul communities. DREAAM focuses attention on academic excellence, strengthening well-being and self-esteem, and encouraging positive citizenship. WYSE LEADers provide after-school activities for middle school students during the after-school program based at the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign (Green Bus Route).
- Family STEM nights in Urbana-Champaign and surrounding communities for families of middle and high school youth. These are usually once a month in the evening from 5:30-7:30 including a STEM design activity for families.
- IMAGINE and ChiS&E STEM Saturdays in Chicago and Champaign-Urbana where you'll serve as teaching assistants for classes for elementary, middle, or high school students. Courses include Little Chemical Engineers for elementary students, Programming with Scratch and Mathematics of the Physical world for middle school students, and Rocketry and Electrical Engineering for high school students. Champaign classes (8:30am-12:30pm) and Chicago classes (10:00am-12:30pm). Transportation and lunch provided for volunteers.
- Preparing STEM activity materials for upcoming outreach activities (Mon-Fri at a time of your choosing)
- and more....

Requirements: Training/practice session that occurs prior to the outreach activity so that you can be familiar enough with the activity and the student group that you will be working with to facilitate or respond to student questions. Robotics mentors will require background checks.

Projected number of openings: 8-10 volunteers with WYSE, and volunteers will sign-up for specific activities based on interests and availability