

School and Community Experiences
Placement Site Guide

Spring 2024



UNIVERSITY OF
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4-H School Garden

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

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801 N Country Fair Dr; Champaign, IL

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Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Training on positive youth development, classroom management, ages/stages, adapting lessons, and practice teaching garden/nature lessons.
- Adapt and teach lessons to the 3rd- grade level following the Experiential Learning Model.
- Lead lessons for 3rd graders at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy.
- Create a school garden at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy with 4-H.

Volunteer Hours: You will need to be available from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fridays. Details about the dates can be found below. (All the dates required in order to earn the 20-hour course requirement). Volunteers will lead lessons with 3rd graders at Booker T. Washington STEM academy from 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. on February 24, March 3, 24, and 31, April 14 and 28, and May 5 and 12.

Training Sessions: This will take about 4-6 hours and will take place at the Champaign County Extension Office or via Zoom for check-ins. Training will take place March 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Extension Office, and March 10 and April 7 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. via Zoom. Unit 4 requires background checks.

Tentative Schedule and Planned Activities:

February 16 – Student Volunteer Training and introduction to the lessons (9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

February 23 – Self-Watering Containers and planting cold weather seeds (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

March 1 – Making Garden Signs and Painting Garden Rocks (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

March 22 – Hydroponics (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

March 29 – Student Volunteer Training (9 a.m.-10a.m.)

April 6 - Native Beehives (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

April 12– Prepping garden beds, spreading mulch, and Prairie cleanup (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

April 19 – Vermicomposting and Transplanting (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

April 26 – Planting and Transplanting (8:30-11:30am)

May 3 - Hydroponics (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Projected number of openings: 8

**Anita Purves Nature Center / Urbana Park District
Environmental School Programs**

1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana IL 61801

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

Site Supervisor: Chelsea Prah
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Urbana Park District (UPD) manages 22 parks and natural areas, as well as several facilities. **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 local schools, with community organizations and more.

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 volunteer with 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 volunteer with 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.

Afterschool programs: Afterschool leaders plan and facilitate activities afterschool for Urbana Middle School students. Programs have themes and occur weekly. Programs are located at both Urbana Middle School and Anita Purves Nature Center. Students that volunteer with afterschool programs will assist with the implementation of activities for middle school students.

Volunteer Hours: There are volunteer opportunities Monday through Friday anywhere between 9:00am–5pm. School Field Trips and Naturalist in the Classroom programs are scheduled upon request. Afterschool programs have a more consistent, weekly schedule. 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

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

1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana IL 61801

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

Site Supervisor: David Subers

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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 (and some Saturdays) from 1:15-4:15pm, February 7 – May 4 (2024). 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 Feb 7 – Apr 24. Volunteers can sign up to work from ~12:45-5:00pm (for the full duration of the program) or from ~2:30-5:00pm (to assist primarily with snack time around the campfire). Volunteers may also choose to work hours certain Saturdays (either in addition to, or instead of Wednesdays). Saturday hours are limited to the following dates: 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4.

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 for Wednesdays, 1-2 for Saturdays (2-4 total)

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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Phone: 217-359-7937

Circle of Friends Adult Day Center is an adult day program that provides opportunities for seniors 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. Masks must be worn at this time.

Projected number of openings: 4 students

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: Must commit to one or two days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 3:30-5pm. These times may vary slightly and any additional days will be determined at a later time.

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 of
Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation and
Illini Hillel**

**UIUC (University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign)**

503 E. John St., Champaign, IL 61820

Site Supervisor: Brian Kahn

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The Holocaust Education Center and Illini Hillel at the University of Illinois would like to offer education students a unique opportunity to advance their understanding of teaching about the Holocaust and genocide, to learn skills required for addressing issues of the Holocaust and genocide in the classroom, and be provided with the opportunity (tentative) to participate and plan Holocaust Remembrance activities in conjunction with commemoration of Yom Hashoah later in May. This opportunity is intended to 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:

- Become familiar with the Illinois State Mandate to teach about the Holocaust and genocide.
- Become familiar with the correct methodology for teaching about the Holocaust and genocide (including outlines and guidelines).
- Become familiar with various resources available for Holocaust and genocide education.
- Be exposed to the workings of a local volunteer organization and how it functions.
- Prepare short presentations on resistance and rescue efforts during the Holocaust to share with the group and selected classrooms in this area via Zoom.

The Holocaust Education Center has professional volunteers that have taught Holocaust education in schools, academic and informal settings for several decades. They will provide the information, along with selected guest speakers, at most meetings conducted via Zoom or in-person at the Cohen Center for Jewish Life (on UUC campus). Members of the Holocaust Education Center will team up with Erez Cohen, Executive Director of Hillel, to provide informational background to the Holocaust and assist students with the planning 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, with dinner provided. 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://internationaleled.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: Weekly 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. Other volunteer hours are available depending on students' schedules.

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

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 thrift store
- **Processing**—working alongside participants and staff to sort, process, and price donated items for resale.
- **Surveys** - one-on-one meetings with volunteers to survey their experience working with Salt and Light

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

Volunteer Hours: Preferred volunteer hours would be anytime Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm. Other hours are available Monday – Friday 3pm - 8pm, Saturdays 9 am – 8 pm, 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

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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

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

Central High School

610 W. University Ave

Volunteer Coordinator: Christy Levitan (levitach@u4sd.org)

What: Tutoring help during study halls; Help students with a variety of subjects but primarily English, Math and Science

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays

Times:

10:52 – 11:42 (Freshman and Sophomores)

11:47 – 12:37 (Freshman and Sophomores)

12:42 – 1:32 (Juniors and Seniors)

Volunteers needed: 2 per hour/per day

Centennial High School

913 S. Crescent

Volunteer Coordinator: Liza Thomas (thomasli@u4sd.org), Vice Principal or Lori Rogers

(rogerslo@u4sd.org) Volunteer coordinator

What: Tutoring help during afterschool study halls

Help students with a variety of subjects but primarily Algebra and Biology. Any student with Math, English or Science schools would be welcome. Will meet in the Centennial Tutoring Center

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays

Times: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Volunteers needed: 2 - 4 per day

International Prep Academy

1605 W. Kirby

Teacher: Molly Hooper (hoopermo@u4sd.org)

What: Girls Who Code – 6th – 8th grade

Fun, creative, cross-discipline group of both girls and guys. Volunteers do not need to know coding to have fun and participate. The leader is great at incorporating everyone's strengths.

Dates: Thursdays, after school

Times: 2:40 – 4:15

Up to five volunteers who can come on a regular basis

Kenwood Elementary

1001 Stratford

Teacher: Katie Currie (currieka@u4sd.org) and Phil Dreste (dresteph@u4sd.org)

What: Nature Club – Volunteers will be assisting students (grades 3-5) with work in the courtyard gardens and entomology activities

Dates: Tuesdays after school

Times: 2:45 – 4:00

Up to three volunteers who can come on a regular basis

South Side Elementary

712 S. Pine

Librarian/Volunteer Coordinator: Karen Johnston (johnstka@u4sd.org)

What: Afterschool Homework Club; Help 5th graders complete homework

Dates: Wednesdays, after school

Times: 3:35 – 4:35

Up to five volunteers who can come on a regular basis

UniPlace Christian Church

403 S Wright St. Champaign, IL 61820

<http://www.uniplace.org>

Site Supervisor: Jessica Dager

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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

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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:

CHILDCARE ASSISTANT:

There are several ways we provide childcare at our congregation: our nursery is open every Sunday morning and cares for infants through 3 years old, we have a Pre-K/K room on Sunday mornings, we provide childcare for all-congregation evening/weekend meetings and events, and we have a monthly Parent's Nite Out and Playground Playdates.

The Childcare Assistant will typically work with infants through 5 years old but may be asked to assist in providing care for children up to 12 years old.

Duties may include:

- Caring for and playing with children, soothing children, changing diapers, bottle feeding, serving snacks, and communicating with parents.
- Parent sign-in and sign-out.
- Setting up or cleaning/disinfecting nursery or Pre-K/K room or other spaces used for childcare.
- Coming up with, preparing for, or leading age-appropriate crafts and activities.

Volunteer Hours: Sunday mornings between 10am-noon and various evenings 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: 4

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
- Writing newsletter articles, researching themed resource lists, and other parent/family communication

- Planning, gathering materials, and working at monthly programs for children & families (Game Nights, Parents Night Out, Popcorn Theology, Playground Play Dates, etc)
- Occasionally assisting teachers on Sunday mornings with Grades 1-2 or 3-4
- Planning programming or occasionally assisting with activities for middle schoolers or high schoolers
- Supporting weekly classes including lesson planning, gathering supplies, making sample crafts, and making copies.
- Assisting with volunteer recruitment and training
- Data entry for weekly class attendance

Volunteer Hours: regular weekly office time sometime Tuesday through Friday between 9am-6pm, occasional Sunday mornings between 10am-noon, occasional evening or weekend events

Projected number of openings: 4

University Primary School

51 Gerty Drive Champaign, IL

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

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

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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.

The UP Center
Uniting Pride of Champaign County
University YMCA, 1001 South Wright Street
<https://www.unitingpride.org/>

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Uniting Pride was founded in 2009 as an organization to advocate for the equality, wellness, and visibility of the LGBTQ+ communities in Champaign County. Since then, we have been active in the community through support and social groups, community-building events, educational workshops, local advocacy, resource referrals, and more. Uniting Pride exists to create a Champaign County where all who identify as sexual and/or gender minorities can live full, healthy, and vibrant lives.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

Committee work is about helping the organization with mission-based or administrative/operational work. This work is critical to the success of the organization, which means volunteers participating in these positions have the chance to make a real impact on the community. Volunteer committee members show up to meetings, bring ideas as to how they feel they can help the organization and work, and get engaged as much or as little as their lives allow.

This opportunity is for students who are self-motivated and who can create their own ways of contributing to the organization. Most of the 20-hour course requirement will be based on the student's own contributions and ideas.

Volunteer Hours:

Hours will be determined based on committee tasks and the student's schedule.

Must attend at least 2 of the below committee meetings:

Finance Committee - meets Sunday before each Board Meeting at 11am (typically the 2nd Sun)

Fundraising and Outreach Committee - meets 3rd Sunday of each month at 1pm

Youth and Family Committee - meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm

Requirements: There would be a financial introduction to those joining the Finance Committee so they could learn the basics before engaging.

Projected number of openings: 6 volunteers

Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center

1401 E Main St, Urbana, IL 61802

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

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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

Volunteer Hours: 3:15 pm – 5:45 pm Mondays through Fridays (choose days).

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

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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: 2

Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE) LEADers

<https://go.illinois.edu/WYSEGivePulse>

Site Supervisor: Lara Hebert

Email: wyse@illinois.edu

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 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Work with younger students as they explore STEM topics through hands-on, minds-on activities.

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 Wednesdays (TBD) 5:00-8:00pm at the DREAAM STEAM Lab. Robotics will begin in February. 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. Location: First United Methodist Church in Downtown Champaign (Green Bus Route and carpooling available).
- 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 dinner and a STEM activity for families. Locations vary, carpooling available.
- 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 Electrical Engineers for elementary students, Programming with Scratch and Mathematics of the Physical world for middle school students, and Electrical Engineering for high school students. Champaign classes (8:30am-12:30pm) and Chicago classes (10:00am-12:30pm). Transportation and lunch provided.
- 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. Sign-up for specific activities based on interests and availability at the GivePulse website listed above.

**Yankee Ridge
Urbana School District #116**

Site Supervisor: Amy Bader

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Yankee Ridge Elementary School at Urbana School District #116

Opportunities for EDUC students include:

- Tutoring, homework help

Volunteer Hours: 3:15 - 5 pm

Requirements: background check and site orientation given by Amy

Projected number of openings: 5

YouthBuild
Housing Authority of Champaign County

2008 N. Market St., Champaign, IL, 61820

<https://www.youthbuildillinois.org/housing-authority-of-champaign-county-youthbuild/>

Site Supervisor: Jahlinea Cekander

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YouthBuild, a program with the Housing Authority of Champaign County, offers students who have not completed high school the chance to receive a high-school diploma and certification in their trade of choice.

Opportunities for EDUC 201 students include:

- Support students in the areas of math and reading.
- Facilitate the understanding of Basic math and reading comprehension.
- Follow the curriculum provided by Education Coordinator and/or work with the students in the process of receiving their High School Diploma (this can be tentative)

Volunteer Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10:30am-12:00pm

Projected number of openings: Champaign Location – 2 Volunteers
Urbana Location – 1-2 Volunteers (The class size is smaller than Champaign)