Graduate Assistant, Violence Prevention & Survivor Advocacy

Position Description

Health Promotion and Wellness Services (HPWS) at Auburn University is currently seeking a paid, part-time, graduate assistant to assist primarily with violence prevention and survivor advocacy efforts. In general, the graduate assistant will be responsible for assisting members of the office team administer programs and services designed to promote health and support students.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist in implementing WE.auburn, Auburn University’s Green Dot Bystander Intervention program, which requires attending a week-long facilitator training as well as conducting large-scale overviews, facilitating multi-hour trainings, and independent program planning
- Assist Safe Harbor by serving as an advocate to survivors of power-based personal violence
- Assume some on-call responsibilities on nights and weekends
- Serve on taskforces and committees as assigned
- Perform basic clerical and administrative tasks as assigned
- Assume other duties and responsibilities as needed

Minimum Qualifications:

- Full time enrollment in a graduate program in mental health, public health, education, student development, or other related field
- Ability to work 20 hours per week, including occasional weekend and evening hours
- Experience working with college-aged populations
- Exceptional public speaking skills as well as a willingness to train large groups
- Familiarity with research on trauma, power-based personal violence, and working with survivors
- Training on helping skills including active listening, attending skills, use of silence, appropriate boundaries, disseminating information effectively
- Ability to coordinate outreach and plan events
- Excellent communication skills
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Desire to learn
- Ability to work independently, follow-up on assignments, and take initiative on projects
- Ability to suspend personal judgment
- Ability to abide by confidentiality and reporting obligations
- Working knowledge of cultural competencies

Preferred Qualifications

- Doctoral or masters student with experience in a helping field (e.g., counseling, social work, etc.)
- Experience with trauma-informed practices
**Compensation:** Graduate Assistant stipend, paid monthly, over the course of the year including tuition waiver.

**Anticipated Start Date:** TBD (Summer 2019)

Submit a single PDF document including a letter of interest citing specific examples related to position requirements, a current resume, and contact information for three current references to Melissa McConaha (mmm0047@auburn.edu) as soon as possible.

Health Promotion and Wellness Services exists to cultivate a campus atmosphere that supports and respects the healthy lifestyle decisions made by students. We serve as campus resources to better educate all members of the Auburn family about living a healthy lifestyle as well as the many benefits of making healthy choices. Our goal is to create a better understanding of health and wellness on campus, and provide tools needed for students to choose healthy lifestyles. Health Promotion and Wellness Services defines health as a multifaceted effort to engage in positive behavior to maximize an individual’s physical and emotional capacity for well-being and productivity, and defines wellness as a proactive, holistic approach aimed at achieving a state of optimal health.