HDFS INTERNSHIP SITE INFORMATION SHEET

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Internship Site Information:

Path to Independence (P2I) is an inclusive two-year, non-degree postsecondary education certificate program for students with intellectual disabilities. The program currently has 9 students. The program has three components: Academic & Social, Independent Living and Employment. Students take UNR classes with their typical peers. Educational coaches (UNR students) accompany the P2I students to class to assist with note-taking and other skills needed in the classroom. Mentors provide tutoring and social interaction for the P2I students. Service Learning students also volunteer for study sessions and other activities. One independent living class is offered per semester. These include: Money Matters, Relationships & Sexuality, Nutrition & Cooking, and Employability. Public transportation travel training is also available and encouraged. Students participate in paid and unpaid internships, student employment and volunteerism during the two years. An employment developer works with each student to find and maintain competitive integrated employment upon graduation.

Number of Internships Available: 2-3

Student Requirements:

1. Knowledge of people with intellectual disabilities
2. Organized
3. Good oral and written communication skills
4. Multi-tasker
5. Able to herd cats ;-) 

How will student obtain this internship position?

Student coordinator: The intern in this position coordinates the activities of the Educational Coaches, mentors and service learning volunteers. If an Ed coach is unable to get to class, the intern finds a replacement. This intern also sets up study groups for P2I students and the Ed coaches, mentors and service learning volunteers. In addition, this intern reviews daily reports for Ed coaches and volunteers, forwards them to each student’s SRC service coordinator, and addresses any issue seen in the daily reports. This intern also arranges meetings for the Ed coaches, mentors and service learning students to offer support and group processing of their positions.

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