

Internship Program

Friendship Community has an Internship Program available for students completing their bachelors or masters degree in social sciences or special education. The Internship Program is designed to help meet the academic needs of students who want to serve people with developmental disabilities. Interns are supervised by Friendship Community Team Members that bring years of experience and knowledge to an intern getting started in their human service career.

Students who are interested in pursuing an internship with Friendship Community may email the Internship Coordinator for more information.

Frequently Asked Internship Questions

Why should I complete my internship with Friendship Community?

- Internships are customized to meet the learning objectives of each student. Interns are exposed to a variety of experiences including direct care, administration, behavior support, and nursing.

Does Friendship Community offer paid internships?

- Paid internships are available if interns apply for an open position within Friendship Community that simultaneously meets the academic requirements for their internship.

Do I need to have background checks completed?

- Yes. Interns are required to submit to a background check. A Pennsylvania background check is completed on all interns. Interns who have not lived in Pennsylvania for the past two years are also required to complete an FBI background check. Friendship Community can facilitate these procedures; however, the cost is the responsibility of the student.

Do I need to purchase liability insurance?

- No. Interns are covered under Friendship Community's professional liability policy.

I need to do volunteer work to meet a class requirement. Can I do this at Friendship Community?

- Yes! Please contact the Internship Coordinator for more information.

What are the application deadlines for applying for an internship consideration?

- Spring semester: November 1
- Summer semester: March 1
- Fall semester: June 1

Disclaimers

- Friendship Community reserves the right to discontinue an internship at their sole discretion.
- Interns must support Friendship Community's mission, vision, and values.