

Community Service/Experiential Learning and Cooperative Education
Recent Placements for Psychology Students
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Advanced Heat and Treat Corporation, Waterloo—Human Resources Assistant.

Agape Occupational Therapy, Waterloo—Shadowed and assisted occupational therapists

Allen Hospital Emergency Room, Waterloo – Comforted patients and families, prepared and cleaned patient rooms, and escorted individuals across the hospital. This included psychiatric patients admitted into the emergency room.

Allen Hospital—Shadowed the Navigator for the Mental Health Unit.

Allen Hospital Lab, Waterloo—Phlebotomist (drew blood, collected other samples)—This would be a good job for pre-med or pre-physician’s assistant major.

Animal Camp, Cedar Falls--Counselor for a child attending a week-long camp working with rescued animals (e.g. owls, deer, and raccoons).

ASPIRE Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Waterloo – Set up horseback riding lessons for therapeutic purposes, organized for the summer camp

Bickford Cottage, Cedar Falls—Work with patients in assisted living (some have dementia)

Birthingright, Waterloo - Shadowed counselors and educators, helped with scheduling, organized supplies for mothers and babies

Black Hawk County Courthouse, Waterloo -- Assisted attorneys on research, interviewed a judge and attorneys, observed jury selection and trials

Black Hawk County Courthouse, Waterloo -- Shadowed a probation officer

Black Hawk County YMCA, Cedar Falls—Member experience associate, Assistant Childcare Teacher, School Age Program Assistant, Health and Wellness Intern

Black Hawk Gymnastics, Waterloo—Assistant gymnastics instructor

Boys & Girls Club, Waterloo - Supervised after-school activities

Boys & Girls Club, Waterloo—Summer Camp Leader

Bremwood, Lutheran Services of Iowa, Waverly – Worked with special needs students, designed and implemented intervention programs

Cedar Falls High School—Shadowed a school counselor

Cedar Falls High School—Assisted in several Spanish classes, observed how students learn a second language

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Waterloo - Outreach Crisis internship, Child Advocate internship, Shelter and Crisis internship, Housing internship, Prevention Education internship, Anti-Human Trafficking internship, Marketing internship

Cedar Valley Hospice – Shadowed a grief counselor, worked directly with patients and families

Cedar Valley Preschool and Childcare, Cedar Falls—Assistant preschool teacher

CBE Group, Cedar Falls—Human Resources, Employee Recruiting Intern

Comprehensive Systems—Worked as a QUDP (qualified mental disabilities professional) with adults with special needs in a group home setting

Community Health Initiative, Haiti—Organizational research, team-building.

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo—Emergency Room Technician

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo—Shadowed an Occupational Therapist

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo - Patient Advocate

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo, Early Developmental Intervention Clinic, Waterloo - Assisted occupational therapy staff with therapy duties

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo – Child Life Specialist Intern

Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo—Volunteer Receptionist, Surgical Waiting Room

Discida iTracker Research, Cedar Falls—Research Assistant

EMBARC—Helped refugees from Burma settle in Waterloo, tutored students at West High, helped organize other educational and recreational activities.

Exceptional Persons, Inc., Waterloo -- Worked with clients with special needs, updated medication records in the main office, learned how to do intake interviews, shadowed during house checks

Expo High School, Waterloo—Shadowed a School Counselor

Friendship Village, Waterloo—Assisted Activities Director in working with elderly residents

Four Oaks, Waterloo- Youth Counselor Intern, researched gang activity in Waterloo

Full Circle Services, Waterloo-- Community Support, Day Hab worker, 24-hour house

Goodwill Industries, Waterloo – Trained and assisted adults with developmental disabilities

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa, Waterloo – Human Resources Intern, created web pages, handouts, etc. for recruiting more applicants for job openings at GSEIWI

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa—Summer camp positions, program management, human resources, community outreach services, etc.

Halfway House, Waterloo - Shadowed social workers and parole officers

Hansen Elementary School, Cedar Falls – Shadowed a school counselor

Holmes Jr. High, Cedar Falls—Shadowed a School Counselor

Home Instead Senior Care—Worked with clients in their own homes

Hope Haven, Waterloo - Observed group sessions, became co-facilitator of a group

Hospice Compassus, Cedar Falls – Worked with the bereavement coordinator, visited with clients who were at the end of their lives and with families who were grieving the loss of a loved one, assisted with office work

House of Hope, Waterloo - Created and ran a summer reading program for children of women living at House of Hope

Hudson High School, Hudson - Shadowed a high school counselor

Lutheran Home—Respite Provider

Lutheran Services of Iowa, Waterloo—Direct Support Professional, worked with teenagers and young adults (see Bremwood)

Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo—Shadowed directors of different departments, conducted client intake interviews

Northern Iowa Therapy, Waverly—Volunteered and shadowed in the pediatric occupational therapy part of the clinic.

Orchard Hill Church Mission, Cedar Falls—Worked on special programs and outreach for elementary, junior high, high school, and college students

Orchard Hill Church/Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls—Counselor for 13-year-old girls in the Wednesday night CHAOS program, Counselor for 13-year-old boys in same program

Pathways Behavioral Services, Waverly - Substance Abuse Counseling Intern. Also observed play therapy sessions with elementary-aged children

Pathways Behavioral Services, Waterloo - Helped people with mental illness find services in the community

Peet Junior High, Cedar Falls—Shadowed a school counselor

Pinnacle Specialty Care, Cedar Falls—Activities assistant for residents in a nursing home facility.

Prairie Lakes Church, Cedar Falls—College student outreach, participated in planning and playing music during mid-week college worship services

REM Community Services, Waterloo—Worked with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Retrieving Freedom, Waverly—Trained a puppy, attended trainer’s meetings, attended public and school outreach events

Riverview Center, Waterloo—Completed 30 hour training, worked with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, provided educational training and services

Salvation Army, Waterloo—Housing Service Assistant, Women’s and Men’s Homeless Shelter

Salvation Army—Help with emergency services, food assistance, housing, and youth programming

Sartori Hospital, Cedar Falls—Shadowed and assisted in Occupational Therapy

Sartori Hospital Senior Behavioral Health Care—Worked as a CNA, shadowed nurses and administrators

Sidecar Coffee, Cedar Falls—Management and HR intern

Taylor Therapy, Waverly—Shadowed occupational therapists.

UNI Academic Advising Center, PAiRS counselor—Helped students sign up for classes, find their advisors, choose their majors, etc.

UNI Athletics—Student Track and Field Manager

UNI Center for Educational Transformation—Research assistant; helped with conceptualization and conduct of ethical and culturally responsive research and community engagement.

UNI Center for Social and Behavioral Research (CSBR)—Assisted with data collection, entry, and analysis

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UNI Dance Marathon—Helped organize the marathon and the events leading up to it.

UNI Eye Tracker Lab—Ran experiments, entered and analyzed data, and helped with webpage design for this new research and consulting company (see Discida)

UNI Human Resources—Helped with wellness programming and initiatives

UNI International Students and Scholars Office—Assisted with program development, delivery, and evaluation

UNI Iowa Workforce Consulting Center—Helped with data collection and analysis

UNI MapWorks—Worked with freshmen to help them learn strategies for academic success

UNI Military and Veteran Student Services -- Met with UNI student vets, organized activities, participated in fundraising events, helped organize the PTSD conference.

UNI Panthers for DREAM Iowa—Served as president of the organization, planned and engaged in advocacy and educational events at UNI, and in Cedar Falls, Des Moines, Washington, D. C.

UNI Peer Academic Advisor in Residence (PAiRS) program—Helped new students with declaring their major, choosing classes, study skills, etc.

UNI Department of Languages and Literatures—Assisted in Spanish language classes, observed students learning a second language

UNI Department of Residence—Resident Assistant (RA) in the dorms

UNI Peer Advisor – Help students with class schedules, time management, study skills, etc.

UNI Spectrum Project—Research assistant for project investigating autistic children's development in the context of music, theatre, and the visual arts

UNI Student Life Intern

UNI Student Government—Student Diversity Director

UNI Upward Bound---Assisted with programs for college-bound high school students from low-income families or families in which neither parents holds a bachelor's degree

Waypoint—Work with victims of domestic abuse, help facilitate focus groups, respond to phone calls (including hotline), care for children of clients during focus groups

Waterloo West High – Assisted a Spanish teacher, observed how students learned a second language, assisted students with learning disabilities.

Western Home—CNA, home health care.

Wings Park Elementary School, Oelwein – Shadowed School Counselor.

YMCA Daycare, Waterloo—Lead activities for children

Out of Town

ASAC (Area Substance Abuse Council), Cedar Rapids—Helped gather information for grant proposals.

Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcolm High School--Worked with special needs students

Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, Eldora—Supervised juveniles and provided a structured environment that fostered learning. Transported juveniles to court hearings, doctor's appointments, and other meetings

Choices Counseling, Sioux City—Shadowed counselor, conducted play therapy sessions with elementary-aged children

CRST Truck Company, Cedar Rapids – Worked in Human Resources

Discoveries Learning Center, Denver--Preschool Teacher – Introduced constructivist STEM activities into the classroom and assessed student learning

Easter Seals Camp, Des Moines area—Camp Counselor for children and adults with special needs

Ingham Okoboji Bible Camps—Camp Counselor

Iowa Lakes Community College – Assistant to the Events Planner (helped plan and put on alumni fundraisers), summer camp counselor for a 7th and 8th grade STEM camp

Katalyst Systems, Cedar Rapids –Helped create and organize current consulting tools. Shadowed individuals in the organization and provided feedback

Kenya—Occupational therapy assistant

Linn-Mar Community School District—Observed and assisted school counselor in the Student Assistant and Family Services Program

Mahaska Health Partnership, Ottumwa—Shadowed mental health counselors

Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames - Shadowed mental health professionals on rotations

Mercy Medical Center, Radiation Oncology Department, Des Moines— Shadowed a genetic counselor

NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), Pella—Did office work, research on sleep and wellbeing, sat in on peer group counseling sessions

Orchard Place, Des Moines—Worked in a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children assisting psychiatrists and other staff members

Progress Industries, Newton, IA—Worked as a Direct Support Professional in the Day Hab Program assisting adults with physical and intellectual disabilities by taking them on outings in the community, etc.

Saint Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids – Participated in their behavioral program

Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids—Youth Associate, worked with residents to help them achieve their academic and behavioral goals.

Transition House, Inc. (Florida)--

Youth Homes of Mid-America, Johnston, Iowa- Worked as a Youth Counselor assisting children/adolescents with emotional, behavioral, and educational issues

Additional Opportunities

Amani Community Services—This agency provides services for African American victims of domestic violence and sexual assault—they need help with both direct and indirect services

America Reads—a Federal Work Study Program

AmeriCorps NCCC—Developing leaders and strengthening communities through direct, team-based national and community service (includes Conservation Corps)

Center for Vocational Reflection—Threehouse, Wesley Foundation – Offers a CVR Certificate

Children and Families of Iowa—Behavioral health intervention services

Community Service Learning at UNI—Contact the Work Study Coordinator in the UNI Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Department of Health and Human Services—They need Transportation Volunteers

Family and Children's Council—Provide trainings to help prevent child sexual abuse

Harmony House, Waterloo—Shadow and assist a behavioral therapist, keep notes, organize data, and attend weekly meetings with the care team. Or shadow and assist a licensed psychologist in giving cognitive assessments to people with developmental disabilities and brain injuries.

Hartman Reserve—Program volunteer (youth programs, summer youth camps, school field trips, etc.)

Iowa Family Services, Urbandale—Respite providers

The Job Foundation—Help children and families achieve financial success

Manor Care—Assist in a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Operation Threshold—Opportunities to help in many different areas (refugee services, disaster assistance, crisis assistance, services for homeless families).

Prairie Ridge—Integrated behavioral healthcare for clients with addictions and/or mental health issues

Success Street—Assist at on-site clinic at Waterloo West High School

Target—Assistant Managers, General Managers, Human Resources, etc.

True Friends—Volunteer positions at camps for people with special needs