

Volunteer and Service-Learning Center Opportunities for Pre-Professional Students

Please contact the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center located in 1605 Old Cafeteria Complex (252-328-2735 or vslc@ecu.edu) for complete details on all programs listed and for registration with the Center.



Animals

Humane Society of Eastern Carolina: A non-profit, no-kill animal adoption agency. Exercise animals, maintain facility, adoptions, marketing, and fundraising/special events (planning and implementing). People with animal care experience welcome! Must complete an application and orientation.

Marley Fund: The Marley Fund and Marley's Cat Tales adoption branch are dedicated to improving the lives of animals, with specific focus on the fight against feline retroviruses, including feline leukemia and feline AIDS. Fostering, marketing, fundraising, event planning, grant writing, merchandising, viral marketing, STP campaign, and special events. Must like cats and be familiar with agency and its community outreach.

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park: A center (located in Scotland Neck, NC) dedicated to the survival of the world's waterfowl species in both the wild and in zoological and private collections through conservation, education, research, and planning. Clerical, data entry, marketing, landscaping, gift shop attendant, and grounds keeping. Must be 18 years of age, enjoy working with animals and outdoors, and be able to lift 50 lbs. Must complete an application and required training with staff.

Campus

Campus Recreation and Wellness: Diverse service options within a number of recreational activities and program areas. A great place to gain valuable experience and insight into various facets of recreation administration in an energetic, fun, and active setting. Special events, exercise partner, intramural sports, wellness, youth activities, and clerical/office work. Must complete an application and attend an orientation session.



Elderly

Creative Living Center: An adult day program for people over the age of 18. Assist with therapeutic interventions including physical and mental stimulation, arts and crafts, and community integration.

Cypress Glen Retirement Community: A multi-phase facility that serves seniors (independent living, assisted living, or Alzheimer's cottage). Friendly visitation, computer assistance, special events, and holiday decorating. Must complete an application and 45 minute orientation session. Ten (10) hour commitment required (exceptions for groups).

Golden Living Center: Short-term care and rehabilitation facility. Assist with activities, group programs (bingo, etc.), cooking groups, socials, music, and crafts. One-on-one and small group activities (discussions, games, pet-therapy, manicures). Special events and seasonal decorating. Must complete and return application prior to attending orientation session and signing confidentiality agreement. Must have TB skin test.

Oak Haven Assisted Living: An assisted living facility and Alzheimer's Special Care Unit that empowers its residents to strive for a good life. Friendly visitation, exercise, games, arts/crafts, and discussion groups.

Spring Arbor: A 24-hour residential assisted living house. Spring Arbor also operates an Alzheimer's Special Care Cottage. Friendly visitation, arts/crafts, recreational activities, and special events.

Environment

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Health

Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program (ECIPP): Program that devises and implements projects to alleviate injury in eastern North Carolina including new services for Hispanic families. Child safety programs include child passenger safety, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and fire prevention.

North Carolina Agromedicine Institute: The North Carolina Agromedicine Institute (NCAI) works to identify and address the health and safety risks of farmers, foresters, fishers, their families, and communities. An inter-institutional UNC institute, located at ECU's West Research Campus. Our collaborative partnership includes the agricultural community, universities, business, healthcare organizations, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations. Website management, PR/marketing, graphic design, health screenings, health and safety education, special event preparation, English to Spanish translation, and database construction/management.

Palliative Care: To give relief to patients through symptom management and by addressing spiritual, emotional, and psychosocial burdens of disease. Music therapy, arts/crafts, graphic arts, comfort cart, and events. Must complete application and orientation at PCMH and be able to serve in blocks.

Pitt County Memorial Hospital: A constituent of University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. Explore the healthcare field as a career choice while receiving work experience and job skills. All volunteers receive free parking, free meals, discounted wellness programs, letter of recommendation after completion of program and more! Fifty (50) hour commitment. Students interested in volunteering at the Viquet Center must go through PCMH Volunteer Services. Scholarships available for those completing 100+ hours of service. Healthcare, transport patients, and clerical –especially during holiday breaks. Must complete an application, criminal background check, immunization verification, and orientation session.

Pitt County Substance Abuse Coalition: To build a community in which youth reject tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, and anyone can find help. Assist with prevention programs, creating videos for cable TV related to substance abuse prevention, collect data, lead focus groups, and marketing.

REAL Crisis Center: The Center operates on a 24-hour basis to accommodate the need for free, confidential counseling. The Center also provides referral services and assistance programs including Crisis Intervention, Dial-A-Teen, Rape Crisis, and Suicide Intervention. Crisis Counselors, fundraising assistance, and special events. Must complete application and training class for Crisis Counselors only.

Stroke ID Program: The Stroke Risk Identification Program is a stroke prevention program that focuses on risk identification through stroke screening, community education, and awareness of stroke warning signs, symptoms, and response to the onset of stroke symptoms. Twenty (20) hours minimum required. Assist with screening in Pitt County and UHS areas. Stations include registration, health assessment, lab/clinical, blood pressure, and counseling.

United Hospice – Farmville: To provide care for terminally ill patients and their families. Phone calls/letters, arts/crafts, and special events (Camp Cocoon and Tree of Memories). Must complete application, orientation, and 8 hour training as well as submit to a background check, drug screen, and TB skin test.

Victory Junction Gang Camp: The Victory Junction Gang Camp (located in Randleman, NC) enriches the lives of children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun, and empowering, in a safe medically sound environment. Cabin counselor (summer – week long commitment; fall and spring – weekend commitment), kitchen staff and support staff (maintenance, office, housekeeping). Must complete an application (online) and orientation.

Human Services

Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina: A non-profit organization offering mediation and conflict resolution services. Mediators, Teen Court Program, jury monitoring, and special events. Must complete an application, background check, and training.

Miscellaneous

District Attorney's Office – Beaufort County: The DA's Office provides volunteers with real courtroom and legal-related experience. Clerk for DA, clerical, errands, and filing.



National Agencies

American Red Cross Blood Services: Blood Service Division of the American Red Cross. Donate blood, blood drive assistants (registration and serve refreshments), and Donor Center receptionist.

American Red Cross – Pitt County Chapter: To help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through community education, health and safety services, and disaster training. Become a First Aid, CPR, or Disaster Instructor, assist in training youth in the BAT/FACT programs, presentations for the Red Cross, special events, fundraising, and clerical. Must complete an application, training, and background check prior to service.

North Carolina Folic Acid Council (March of Dimes): Organization's objective is to reduce birth defects in eastern NC through education measures focused on folic acid intake through a daily multivitamin. Small group presentations and other special events. This is a wonderful experience for those interested in a health-related career. Must complete 1 hour training.



Special Populations

Pitt County Schools Specially Designed P.E.: Work collaboratively with physical education teachers and exceptional children's teachers to provide quality, specially designed physical education to all students with disabilities throughout Pitt County Schools. Work one-on-one with students with special needs during physical education at elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Pitt County. Must complete application and orientation and be a reliable person.

Rocking Horse Ranch Therapeutic Riding: Therapeutic riding for physically, emotionally, and mentally handicapped children and adults. Summer and/or semester commitments assisting riders or leading horses in lessons, general barn or ground maintenance, special events, and horse care. Horse experience not required for side-walkers. Must complete an application and training session.

Special Olympics: Athletic and recreational events for individuals with disabilities. Special events, coaches, and fitness programs. Must complete a Special Olympics NC volunteer screening form and training.