

Job/Company Description:

The mission of the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA) is to support and empower individuals, families and communities impacted by sexual trauma through advocacy, medical forensic evaluation, and recovery services while promoting awareness and prevention of sexual violence.

SACASA interns receive specialized training to serve in the role of a confidential Victim Advocate for our 24/7 hospital response program. Through an on-call position, advocates dispatch into local medical facilities (typically emergency departments) to offer crisis intervention, emotional support, education and advocacy on victims' rights, coordination with hospital staff and law enforcement, review the survivor's medical options, and safety and discharge planning. Interns and volunteers serving as victim advocates make a significant impact in the healing journey of survivors!

Interns and volunteers serving as victim advocates for sexual assault survivors gain a broad and highly transferable set of professional, interpersonal, and trauma-informed skills. These competencies are valuable in social services, public health, law, healthcare, education, nonprofit leadership, and crisis-response roles.

This includes: trauma-informed and survivor-centered practices, crisis intervention and emotional support, communication and interpersonal skills, systems navigation and advocacy skills, professional ethics and confidentiality, cultural humility and equity-focused practice, self-awareness and resiliency, mentorship and more.

Requirements:

Must be at least 18 years of age, have reliable means of transportation, have or be willing/able to obtain a Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card (through the Department of Public Safety), be able to make a long-term (2-semester or more) commitment, have nights/overnights/weekend availability, and be able to participate in the prerequisite 4.5 day training held on Fridays/Saturdays from 8am-5pm plus additional trainings. Candidates should be aware that this is a direct service position providing crisis support to trauma survivors. Candidate characteristics include: empathetic, compassionate, strong communication, dependable, trauma-informed, culturally humble, and reliable.

Class Standing: Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior/**Any Year**

International Students: **Yes**/No

Internship Type: **Unpaid, For Credit**

Hours Per Week: 12-15 (on-call shifts are 12 to 15 hours)

Mode: **In Person**

Location: SACASA is located at 1600 N Country Club Rd, Tucson 85716. However, interns/volunteers are expected to travel to local hospitals within Pima County

Interested students can email sacasa@codac.org or for further questions can contact Katlyn Monje, Director, at kmonje@codac.org