

## **Job Description of Camp Counselor and Camp Counselor Leader**

**Titles:** Camp Counselor / Camp Counselor Leader, Rural Health Careers Camp 2020, National Center for Rural Health Professions

**Dates:** Counselor Orientation: Sunday, June 21, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m.  
Rural Health Careers Camp: Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25, 2020

**Stipend:** Camp Counselors will receive a stipend of \$500 for their time and assistance with the camp. Camp Counselor Leaders will receive a stipend of \$700 for assuming additional responsibilities under the direction of the Program Coordinator.

### **Position Responsibilities: Camp Counselor**

The camp counselor will assist in the overall day-to-day operations of the camp. Most importantly, their role is to ensure the care and well-being of the campers. Camp counselors need to assist campers in new situations, give encouragement, and care about each camper as an individual. Camp counselors should:

- Provide participants with a safe and secure environment both physically and emotionally where they can participate in educational, recreational, and social experiences.
- Guide campers in developing their understanding and appreciation for the many careers related to health professions.
- Model positive personal life skills and values, including, but not limited to: fairness, caring, good citizenship, trustworthiness, respect, and responsibility.
- Exercise mature and professional judgment in assuming responsibility for and working with the campers.
- Foster the development of positive relationships between campers and camp counselors.
- Serve as positive role models, teachers, and mentors.
- Camp counselors may be asked to assume additional responsibilities during the course of the camp.

### **Position Responsibilities: Camp Counselor Leader**

Two camp counselor leaders will assume the aforementioned responsibilities of camp counselors as well as additional responsibilities prior to, and during, the program. Camp counselor leaders will be asked to be available for up to two meetings in the weeks leading up to the camp. Required meetings will be held within the Rockford community and scheduled between the Program Coordinator and camp counselor leaders.

Camp counselor leaders must provide assistance to the Program Coordinator, which may include:

- Prior to the program; prepare logistics and materials with the Program Coordinator, establish communication strategies for counselors

- Assist the Program Coordinator in preparing for camp counselor orientation
- Introduce and lead activities, and ensure campers arrive on time for rotations
- Communicate between the Program Coordinator and lab facilitators to ensure equipment is ready and available
- Following the program; debrief with the Program Coordinator and participate, as available, in other leadership opportunities through the NCRHP
- Camp counselor leaders may be asked to assume additional responsibilities during the course of the camp.

**Expectations:**

- **Beginning Sunday, June 21 at 2:00 pm – Thursday, June 25 (afternoon), counselors and counselor leaders are required to reside at Rockford University in the assigned residence halls.**
- Counselors will reside, overnight, in the Rockford University residence halls to supervise Rural Health Careers Camp participants.
- Dress in appropriate clothing. Camp Counselors should never wear clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, or inappropriate subjects or behavior.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed at any time from the start of orientation until the conclusion of the camp on Thursday. Violation of this expectation is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- No drugs are allowed, except those being administered under doctors' orders.
- No profanity or the use of foul language.
- Because this is a health careers camp, and counselors should model healthy behaviors at all times; the use of tobacco is not permitted at any time during the camp.

**Qualifications:**

- Has completed sophomore year of undergraduate studies by start of camp
- Pursuing a health-related profession
- Mature, responsible, demonstrates leadership qualities
- Demonstrates energy and enthusiasm for educational activities
- Preference given to RAs or students with previous mentoring experience, as well as students with rural backgrounds
- Phone interviews may be scheduled for camp counselor leader applicants

Additional information on the Rural Health Careers Camp can be found at [ncrhp.uic.edu](http://ncrhp.uic.edu) under Student Opportunities.

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**To Apply:**

Students should send a cover letter, resume, and the following information to Vicky Rhine at [rhine1@uic.edu](mailto:rhine1@uic.edu) **no later than Sunday, March 1, 2020**

I am applying for the:

- Camp Counselor position
- Camp Counselor Leader position (will be considered for Camp Counselor if not selected)

Name:	
Phone:	Email:
Permanent/Hometown Address:	
City, state:	Zip code:
Current Address:	
City, state:	Zip code:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
College/University:	
Year in school:	
Current degree program(s):	
GPA:	
Health profession goal:	
Anticipated graduation (month, year):	
Previous degree(s) if applicable:	
How did you hear about this opportunity?	
T-Shirt Size (adult unisex shirts provided): <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	

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