

Disaster Response Internship

College to County Intern 2023 - Behavioral Health Division, Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP), Disaster Behavioral Health

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2023 - 12 weeks

Hours: 20 - 40 hours a week

Telework: *Fully remote*

Building Physical Location: 209 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency: No

What Does Disaster Behavioral Health Do?

Multnomah County is aware that marginalized communities face an increased risk of harm and negative consequences during & after a disaster. The disproportionate vulnerability lies at the intersection of many forms of social injustice, including economic, environmental, and racial.

Disaster Behavioral Health (DBH) is committed to ensuring that responses to disasters are informed by and responsive to historical and current barriers to access, equity and inclusion.

DBH is a program within the Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP), [Behavioral Health Division](#) of the Multnomah County Health Department. Acting as a partner to Multnomah County's Emergency Operations Center, DBH coordinates the behavioral health response to disasters in the community, such as severe weather. For example, during the activation of cooling shelters (during severe heat), DBH deploys volunteers who are able to provide caring support to both guests and other volunteers, centering whole person wellness, de-escalation, and trauma informed care.

Internship Description & Responsibilities:

The DBH Volunteer Coordinator Intern will:

- *Maintain the volunteer database*
- *Create a video with a panel of DBH volunteers, for the purposes of onboarding new volunteers*
- *Design a template after action report*
- *Collaborate with staff to create template communication plan for volunteer activation*
- *Coordinate the design and development of a DBH web page on the County website*
- *Participate in disaster activation meetings & trainings*
- *Other projects as opportunity & interest arise*

Learning Outcomes:

- Develop an understanding of volunteer management
- Gain valuable experience in project planning and execution
- Connect with individuals and systems who are dedicated to serving the most vulnerable individuals & communities

Education and Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution.
- Promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))
- Ability to collaborate, follow directions and work independently.
- Familiarity with Google Suite (e.g., Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Drive, Docs, and Slides).

Workforce Equity:

Our Commitment to Safety, Trust and Belonging: Multnomah County is committed to developing, nurturing and continually improving workforce

equity by identifying and addressing the structural and policy barriers to equal employment opportunity faced by our employees and communities. Learn more by reading our [Workforce Equity Strategic Plan](#) and exploring our [Core Competencies](#) for all County employees.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement: To protect the health of the community and employees, Multnomah County requires employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved medical or religious exception as a qualification of employment.

The rule applies to all employees, as allowable by law. Candidates who receive an offer of County employment must provide proof of vaccination upon hire or submit an exception request prior to their start date.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 3, 2023.