

Call for Intern Applicants

Bethany Refugee and Immigrant Services

About Bethany Refugee and Immigrant Services

Each year, thousands of people arrive in the United States as refugees or immigrants. Some refugees are children who arrive as unaccompanied minors, having been separated from their families abroad as they fled violence or disaster. In partnership with local churches and community agencies, Bethany Christian Services welcomes refugee and immigrant families and helps them adjust to a new life in the United States.

We work with refugee families for the first six months they are in the country, doing everything from meeting them at the airport and providing them a place to live, to bringing them to doctor's appointments, providing language training, and helping them find a job. The goal is to provide a safe, new community for refugee and immigrant families where they will be able to thrive as self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

GVSU Anthropology Interns at Bethany

In the past, GVSU Anthropology interns have worked with Bethany to help meet clients' needs. This has included work in cultural orientation, where a student is matched with a specific refugee adult or family to provide individualized assistance on a weekly basis. This has included helping clients with transportation and helping them to understand U.S. laws and cultural norms. Students help remove barriers for the individual/family so that they can better receive services at Bethany.

The specific duties associated with Spring/Summer and Fall 2019 internships are yet to be determined but may be associated with grants, cultural orientation, resettlement and post-resettlement, the healing center, and/or other activities.

How to apply: Candidates must be hard-working, well organized, and able to work both independently and as a member of a team. To be considered, please submit (1) a cover letter detailing why you are a good candidate to be an intern at Bethany, (2) the name of a faculty member who can serve as a reference, and (3) an unofficial copy of your transcript to Tara Hefferan, Anthropology Department, 231 Lake Michigan Hall.

The deadline to apply for a Spring/Summer 2019 internship is 5:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2019.

The deadline to apply for a Fall 2019 internship is 5:00 PM on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Questions can be sent to Internship Coordinator Tara Hefferan (hefferta@gvsu.edu).