

Call for Intern Applicants: Bethany Christian Services Internships

Refugee Adult and Family Programs, Bethany Christian Services of Michigan, Grand Rapids. Supervision will be provided by the student's GVSU Anthropology mentor and a Bethany site supervisor, with guidance from program coordinators at Bethany.

There are a range of activities and responsibilities in which interns can engage, depending on the student's capabilities and interests, including:

1. **Cultural Education, Curriculum-Focused:** At Bethany Christian Services, Refugee Adult and Family Programs, staff provide a variety of services designed to help refugee families better acclimate to their new life in the United States. Currently, Bethany is developing resources for enhanced cultural education that would be provided for refugees in our post-resettlement program. Topics for cultural education include financial literacy, US laws, and parenting in the US. The student will work alongside Bethany's Cultural Education Coordinator to contribute to the development of these classes. She/he will update current material, help ensure that classes are effective, and make improvements where necessary. This position will entail the majority of time spent in the office at Bethany, although shadowing some of the cultural education class sessions initially would be helpful.
2. **Research:** The student will conduct research on cultural orientation (CO) to better the services provided to refugees in the post-resettlement program at Bethany. This may include researching assimilation of refugees to U.S. culture in the West Michigan area. Other areas of exploration may include the effectiveness of cultural orientation, best practices nationwide for CO frequency, instruction/delivery, orientation topics, and other factors impacting attendance and content comprehension.
3. **Cultural Orientation, Emphasis on Meeting Clients' Needs:** The student will be matched with a specific refugee adult or family to provide individualized assistance on a weekly basis, utilizing interpreters as needed. Topics and activities will vary depending on the individual/family's needs, education level, and interests. This may include helping the client with transportation, and helping them to understand U.S. laws and cultural norms. The student will help remove barriers for the individual/family so that they can better receive services at Bethany.

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 which internship interests you and why you are a good candidate for the position, (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: Monday, November 27, 2017 by 5:00 PM.

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