



Housing and Residence Life Practicum – Living-Learning Communities Coordinator

Position Purpose: To compliment the Graduate Assistant *Learning Contract* competency areas and academic studies, in addition to providing opportunities for professional development and growth in areas of student interest.

Practicum Advisor: Assistant Director of Residence Education in Housing and Residence Life

Living Learning Communities Coordinator Practicum Description:

The Office of Housing and Residence Life facilitates the operation of the six living-learning programs at Grand Valley. This practicum is designed to give a graduate student experience in the overall operation and administration of the living-learning programs.

The Living-Learning Communities committee facilitates the following:

- Preparation for Academic Year
 - Design and implement Peer Mentor Training (May-Aug)
 - RA Training in the different communities (Aug)
 - Coordinate with faculty move-in day support and welcome activities (July-Aug)
 - Collect opening and fall programming calendars for each of the six communities (May-Aug)
- Administrative Support
 - Collect information from faculty for fall and winter class schedules to be able to schedule and reserve locations for two living-learning communities meetings per semester. (May)
 - Plan and administer a marketing plan for living-learning communities (May)
 - Plan and administer a social media plan for living-learning communities (May-Aug)
 - In concert with the Assignment Coordinators work to recruit students to be active in, live in, and participate in the various living-learning communities.

The practicum experience entails looking at past assessment data and higher education best practices; and involvement of the planning, implementation, and assessment collection of living-learning programs.

Interns have the opportunity to develop and gain skills in the competency areas of administration, communication, assessment/outcomes, diversity/inclusion, leadership, research, and sustainability.

Requirements: Full time student in the Master of Education, College Student Affairs and Leadership Program through the College of Education; or in an affiliate university program through ACUHO-I.

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