



Colorado College CCE Graduate Practicum Description

CCE Mission: In collaboration with faculty, staff, and communities beyond the campus, the CCE co-creates community-engaged learning experiences to develop students into engaged citizens who invest their liberal arts education in the public good.

COVID Adaptation: To prioritize health and safety and minimize the spread of coronavirus, this practicum experience is designed to be entirely virtual, and can accommodate remote work with graduate students who do not live in Colorado Springs.

Educational Objectives: To provide graduate students with practical experiences and insight into the field of civic engagement in a residential liberal arts environment. Emphasis will be placed on developing skills and experience in student programming that actively promotes the development of civic leadership, knowledge, and skills.

This opportunity seeks to cultivate the following NASPA competencies:

1. Leadership – gain experience in leading and fostering the development of leadership in others, defining leadership as agency in the process of individuals working together to envision, plan, and affect change in organizations
2. Social Justice and Inclusion – gain understanding of, and experience raising social consciousness of, oppression, privilege, and power; develop a sense of agency and social responsibility in yourself and others that includes others, community, and the larger global context.
3. Student Learning and Development – develop critical understanding of learning and development theories and their use in learning outcomes and educational programming.

Specific Responsibilities: Practicum students will be assigned one or more of the following projects, depending on their interests and abilities. The CCE is committed to working with individual applicants to design a practicum experience that builds the capacity of the CCE and provides a meaningful, engaging experience for practicum students to help students reach their professional goals.

Project Possibilities:

- **Capstone Coordinator:** Coordinate community-engaged capstone development and implementation for the Bonner and Community Engaged Leader programs.
- **Portfolio Coordinator:** Support students in developing engaged portfolios for the Community Engaged Scholars and Leaders programs, including responding to submitted reflections.
- **BreakOut Coordinator:** Coordinate and support the development and implementation of service “trips” (adapted to a COVID environment) for the BreakOut program, including programming for Saturdays, block breaks, and spring break.
- **Student Curriculum Coordinator:** Support the development and coordination of a civic curriculum virtual workshop series for students in all CCE programs.
- **PEAK Inquiry Coordinator:** Help coordinate virtual engaged projects for community partners, including the submission process for partners as well as management of active projects.
- **Event Coordinator:** Support the design and implementation of signature CCE events, including a virtual fair-style “Match Day” event to connect students to community partners, and a virtual “Week of Action.”



Appointment Length, Dates, and Hours: The CCE will work with the graduate student to determine a schedule that meets the needs of the CCE, availability of the student, and expectations of the practicum.

Supervision: This position will report to the Director of the Collaborative for Community Engagement, Dr. Jordan Travis Radke. This position will receive additional mentorship, support, and collaboration from the full CCE team.

Qualifications:

Required: strong commitment to working for the public good; interest in or knowledge of the liberal arts college experience; excellent collaboration skills; ability to work autonomously and self-directed, and take initiative; strong interpersonal and group facilitation skills; strong oral and written communication skills; ability to think critically and solve problems; strong organizational skills and attention to detail

Preferred: civic engagement experience; experience working in or with a community-based organization; nuanced understanding of the purpose of community-engaged work; knowledge of principles of student and leadership development; knowledge of best practices of community engagement; event planning skills

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to CCE Director Dr. Jordan Travis Radke at jradke@coloradocollege.edu.