**Practicum Experience Opportunities with the UCCS Pre-Collegiate Program**

**Program Overview**

The Pre-Collegiate Development Program (PCDP) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) is an academic, college and career exploration program for first generation, low income and military connected middle and high school students who are motivated to pursue postsecondary options. It is designed to prepare students to be successful in pursuing their goals.

**Sample Practicum Experiences:**

* Lead the planning of Summer Academic Institute activities to meet program learning objectives.
* Work with a Program Manager to plan and carry out career exploration opportunities or Transition Coaching Nights for high school students.
* Assist with research and evaluation to gauge student engagement and program effectiveness.
* Research and assist in the development of curriculum for family engagement, and for summer melt programming for new and current college students.

**Description of Practicum Responsibilities**

* Plan and evaluate events from start to finish, including securing facilities reservations, event space management, catering, and crowd control.
* Coordinate and support undergraduate student staff and volunteers in preparation for events.
* Communicate plans, curriculum, and important event information with key stakeholders including program participants, CU system-wide partners, and families.
* Engage with staff to carry out day to day program functions (such as communicating with participants and families, responding to requests for information, and preparing reports).
* Support and supervise day-of events (if classes permit).

**Required Skills or Experiences**

* Strong organizational skills.
* Clear communicator with well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
* Able to work well independently or as part of a team.
* Adaptable to change and willing to work in a fast-paced work environment.
* Experience with or openness to speaking to large groups.
* Affinity for working with diverse youth and families.

**Duration**

This practicum experience can be adapted for a student’s needs. There is a preference for a spring practicum that goes from January through early July.

**Contact Us**

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