2017-2018 Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Graduate Assistantship Opening
Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Organization: University at Albany Counseling and Psychological Services
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Supervisor: Brian M. Freidenberg, Ph.D., MSW
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Tuition Remission: Up to 9 credits for the fall semester and Up to 9 credits for the spring semester

Prerequisites: Student who will be enrolled in a UAlbany graduate program during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Stipend: Based on standards set by the State budget and GSEU contract

Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

To Apply: Send cover letter and resume or CV to bfreidenberg@albany.edu

Description:

Student's Role

The assistantship provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and explore interests in social marketing, health promotion, research, program planning and public health. The assistantship is designed to give students practical experience while under the supervision of a University at Albany CAPS Licensed Psychologist, who also holds an MSW and is an Addictive Behaviors Specialist.

The Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Graduate Assistantship position involves assisting in the responsibility for and supervision of alcohol and other drug prevention programs on campus, and in particular, the UAlbany Social Norms Campaign. The position involves training and co-supervising members of the nationally recognized Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program, including the Middle Earth Players which is a peer theater group. The Assistant helps to oversee the administration and implementation of daily program operations, such as scheduling of workshops, theme weeks, peer theater group trainings and performances, informational events, as well as serving as a liaison with the campus community.

The Assistant will work with external vendors to facilitate the creation and printing of campaign posters; order advertisements and promotional items; and coordinate the dissemination of campaign
materials and programming. The Assistant will deliver training workshops and educational programs. The Assistant will help in the planning, promotion, and delivery of additional alcohol and other drug awareness programs that will take place during the academic year. The Assistant will also be trained in SPSS and will be involved in student survey data collection, entry, and analysis. The Assistant will be involved in assisting with the implementation of next year’s campaign by helping select the following year’s campaign messages and poster design; and by proposing new directions for the campaign.

**Expected Student Outcomes and Deliverables**

- Gain valuable experience in health promotion, public health and program planning
- Become an expert in the social norms approach and serve as a leader and role model to others assisting with the campaign
- Network with UAlbany faculty, staff, and health professionals as a student staff member of CAPS
- Gain valuable expertise in understanding interactions and politics within and among systems
- Have an opportunity to contribute significantly to the growth and success of UAlbany’s ongoing Social Norms Campaign

**Project Duration and Scheduling Considerations**

The assistantship will take place during the fall and spring semesters of the 2017-2018 academic year beginning in late August of 2017 and ending in May of 2018. Scheduling is flexible. The positions call for students who can work a **20-hour** work week.

*The Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program is an equal opportunity employer.*