



OC COMMUNITY INTERN/APPRENTICE

2021

WHAT IS OGALLALA COMMONS?

Ogallala Commons is a 501c3 nonprofit organization offering education and leadership to reinvigorate Great Plains communities. Centered over the vast High Plain - Ogallala Aquifer, our outreach also stretches westward to the Rocky Mountain foothills and eastward to the river-braided prairies of the Midwest. Learn more at our website: www.ogallalacommons.org

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY INTERN OR APPRENTICE?

Since 2007, Ogallala Commons has created over 500 internships and apprenticeships that provided candidates with work experience and professional skill-building--essential for transitioning to the realities and requirements of a full-time career. Our internships or apprenticeships, though like a job, are actually work training instead of job employment.

OC Community Internships range from 100-240 hours over 8-12 weeks, but can be as long as six months.

OC Community Apprenticeships are longer than internships (500 hours). OC builds apprenticeships when a candidate and the partner are ready and willing to create a pathway to a full-time job.

WHAT DO INTERNS OR APPRENTICES DO?

OC Community Interns & Apprentices gain work experience in a wide variety of career fields, such as:

- Assisting economic development directors with revitalization projects
- Shadowing in rural hospitals to gain real world experience
- Planning and conducting community festivals and fairs
- Researching and writing grant proposals to support community projects.
- Delivering educational programs for youth and adults
- Building local history exhibits for communities
- Wildlife monitoring and natural resource conservation projects
- Developing community gardens and community health outreach
- Remote work experience in computer programming, administrative support, or human resources

2021 COMMUNITY INTERN & APPRENTICE LEVELS

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

WHY SHOULD I DO AN OC INTERNSHIP OR APPRENTICESHIP?

HOW DO I APPLY?

LEVEL	STIPEND RECEIVED
INTERNSHIP LEVEL ONE 100 hours @ \$9/hour	\$900
INTERNSHIP LEVEL TWO 200 hours @ \$10/hour	\$2,000
INTERNSHIP LEVEL THREE 240 hours @ \$11/hour	\$2,640
COMMUNITY APPRENTICESHIP 500 hours @ \$12/hour	\$6,000

In addition to work experience hours, OC requires Interns & Apprentices to complete five products that equip them with professional tools and references:

- Attend Orientation Retreat
- Execute a Work Plan
- Publish online blogs and photos during program time frame
- Do five to ten hours of community service
- Present a Harvesting Ceremony (using Power Point slides)

Be a member of a cohort working in eight states (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming).

Wherever you are located, be connected to other youth and older adults who are passionate about building up community assets, while honing skills and exploring career options.

Learn about Commonwealth: Pathways to Careers

Commonwealth is a set of assets that every community already has. OC views commonwealth as a foundation for building careers and enterprises, as well as vibrant communities. To learn more, check out this site:

<http://ogallalacommons.org/about-us/commonwealth/>

Build your Network

In today's world, it is not just a case of "what you know" but "who you know." People whom you meet can open doors and inspire key insights. From Orientation to the Harvesting Ceremony, our program focuses on building connections between an ever-expanding circle of people.

You can apply now on Ogallala Commons' [website](#).

(<https://ogallalacommons.org/get-involved-with-us/apply-for-an-internship/>)

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