Sexual Violence Survivor Advocate
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
.49 FTE = 19 hours/week
Alcohol, Drug & Violence Prevention Center
Student Health Services
2015-2016

General Description:
Oregon State University is enhancing its efforts to prevent incidents of sexual violence and to support survivors of these incidents. In order to advance this work, OSU is establishing the Advocacy Center for Survivors of Violence. This center will provide a survivor-centered approach to the way OSU responds to incidents and supports survivors. Through the Center, survivors will be empowered to make informed choices as to how they wish to proceed, how they wish to progress in their recovery with the guidance of accurate and relevant information. This GTA position will assist various staff involved in sexual violence prevention work, including the full-time advocate, Sexual Assault Support Services Coordinator, Violence Prevention Specialist, and the Director of the Alcohol, Drug & Violence Prevention Center, in developing the Advocacy Center, in supporting survivors, and in assisting in the creation of a safe and compassionate environment for those who have survived sexual violence. This position is funded through the Office of the Provost.

Responsibilities include:
- Serve as a confidential advocate for survivors
- Assist in launch of the new Advocacy Center for Survivors of Violence through review of best practices and national models, and federal, state, and OSU policies related to sexual violence
- Assist in creation of policies and guidelines related to the Advocacy Center
- Assist in creation of marketing and messaging related to launch and to the ongoing efforts of the Advocacy Center
- Participate in training to become confidential advocate
- Assist in recruitment and supervision of paid and volunteer students to staff the Advocacy Center
- Assist in trainings and outreach related to new Advocacy Center and other services to OSU and community
- Partner with the Violence Prevention Specialist and the Sexual Violence Prevention GTA in creating programs to prevent violence and support survivors
- Be an active team member of the Alcohol, Drug & Violence Prevention Center by participating in all prevention-related efforts

Dates of Services & Compensation:
This graduate assistantship is being awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year beginning September 2015 – June 2016. This is a full-time graduate assistantship that requires 19 hours per week of service. This graduate assistantship requires being part of a Student Health Services in-service and additional training that will take place the week before classes begin in the Fall of 2015. Compensation includes tuition remission, health benefits and a monthly stipend. The successful applicant may be able to begin work during the summer of 2015 if eligible and be paid $15/hour.
Organizational Relationships:
The Advocate Graduate Teaching Assistant works in collaboration with other members of the Alcohol, Drug & Violence Prevention Center and reports directly to the Advocate. Clinical supervision of direct services to be supervised by the Sexual Assault Support Services Coordinator.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Understanding of sexual assault and trauma informed care
- Understanding of the dynamics of sexual violence, its various manifestations, causes, consequences, and related terminology.
- Basic understanding of laws related to sexual violence, such as Campus SaVE Act, Title IX, VAWA, etc.
- Ability to work effectively and compassionately with individuals who have experienced sexual violence
- Commitment to diversity, social justice, and creating inclusive environments
- Accepted into an OSU graduate program
- Demonstration of strong communication and organizational skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- High level of comfort presenting to groups as well as working in a one-to-one environment
- Ability to work afternoons and evenings on a regular basis
- Understanding of the role and importance of confidentiality within a health services environment

Preferred Qualifications:
- Previous experience working in counseling/case management or similar role
- Previous experience in advocacy or sexual violence prevention
- Given the amount of training this position will be required to complete, preference will be given to applicants who have the potential to serve in this position for more than one year. Please note this does not imply a multi-year contract. All GTA positions are reviewed on an annual basis at Student Health Services.

How to Apply:
Apply online at http://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0GGGU58aCX1kwxD.

Be prepared to submit:
1. A cover letter, A current resume/CV, and name and contact information for three references
2. Responses to the following questions:
   a. Please describe your current understanding of supporting survivors of sexual violence (300 words or less)
   b. Please describe the need and importance of having an advocacy center on our campus (500 words or less)
   c. If offered this position, how would you work to create an environment in which survivors feel safe and supported in seeking assistance from the advocacy center? (500 words or less)

The position is open until filled.

More Information:
OSU is committed to a culture of civility, respect, and inclusivity. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, OSU values diversity in our faculty and staff regardless of their self-identity; to that end, we particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women, LGBTQ community members, and others who share our vision of an inclusive community.

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