

IOWA DEPARTMENT ON AGING (IDA) STUDENT INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

Within the authority and responsibilities of the Iowa Department on Aging there are various programs such as the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE), Senior Community Services Employment Program, Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness, Legal Services Development, the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, Nutrition, the Iowa Family Caregiver Program, policy coordination, and the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC). All programs administered by the department may provide possible internship opportunities. Additional demographic information is available from the state data centers 2011 profile which is available on the department's web site www.aging.iowa.gov.

The IDA is designated as the State Unit on Aging under the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Elder Iowans Act (Iowa Code 231 and is the executive branch agency responsible for the coordination of long term living and community support services within the State of Iowa. At the local level Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) provide access local community support services and in most cases, the AAAs subcontract with local providers in the provision of long term living and community support services.

Students wishing to conduct an internship within the IDA may participate in a variety of programs and projects. Students with educational backgrounds in gerontology, social work, public administration, human services, health, general studies, law, nutrition, science, long term care, etc are particularly well suited for experiences within the department; however we encourage any student with an interest in the field of aging to apply. Internships are for a minimum of one semester or 120 hours in duration and in some cases for two semesters, usually at the graduate level or beyond. Special projects and specific research proposals are considered on a case by case basis.

If you are interested in an opportunity as an intern at the department, please fill out the on-line application, attach the requested information to include a resume and cover letter and return it to the student intern coordinator. You will receive a response from the department within 10 working days. Prospective candidates for student internships should expect to participate in a formal interview with prospective supervisors.

For additional information contact the IDA Student Intern Coordinator at 515-725-3333.

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Data Center and Woods & Poole Economic, Inc.

Fact of Interest: Everyday 8,000 Baby Boomers are turning 65 years of age. ~AARP Bulletin