

## HORIZON ACADEMY INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY



### MISSION & BACKGROUND

Since 1999, Horizon Academy has been the only accredited program of its kind in the Kansas City area dedicated to providing intensive care in an educational environment where children with learning disabilities from grades 1-12 can experience academic and social success. The overall goal of our program is to provide our students with the skills they need in academics, socialization, organization and self-advocacy and then transition them back to a traditional school setting ready for success. Over 300 students have transitioned from Horizon Academy and are now on the honor roll, graduating from college and holding professional jobs.

- **Horizon Academy's Mission:** To provide a caring and respectful environment for children struggling with learning disabilities, where they are given the opportunity to achieve their highest potential, become life-long learners and develop into productive, responsible citizens of their community.
- **Horizon Academy's Students:** All Horizon Academy students have some type of learning challenge, including diagnoses such as Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Dyslexia and Asperger's Syndrome. Students typically stay an average of three years at Horizon Academy. They are among the 2.5 million students currently affected nationwide by learning disabilities. Although learning disabilities last a lifetime, these students can learn ways to compensate for their challenges if they receive the effective support and strategies they need to learn academic and related skills to enjoy great success in their lives.
- **Horizon Academy basic information:**
  - Located: 4901 Reinhardt Drive, Suite A, Roeland Park, KS 66205
  - Phone Number: 913-789-9443
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## DESCRIPTION OF INTERNSHIP

During an internship at Horizon Academy you can assist in a variety of different areas! You have the opportunity to do multiple activities and even change what you do every week to fit your interests and our needs. Here are some examples of what our interns did last year in different areas:

- **Health Education**
  - Interns created “Health Heroes University” where they created, presented, discussed, and then re-incorporated & reiterated health-related material to the elementary classes for about 55 minutes a week.
- **Physical Education**
  - We have physical education four days a week! Interns helped our two P.E. teachers run their classes.
- **General Education**
  - Interns served as teacher assistants to our elementary school staff when they were available.
- **Event Planning**
  - Interns helped in various ways with our ‘Bayou Bash’: this is our premiere fundraising event, bringing in over \$120,000 each year for our Horizon Academy scholarship fund.
  - Interns served on the committee, retrieved auction items, entered in data, called sponsors, and worked both our event set-up day and event night.
- **After-school Activities**
  - Interns helped students work in our garden.
  - Interns helped run certain after-school clubs.
  - Interns helped organize and manage our school library.

## SKILLS REQUIRED FOR INTERNSHIP

- **Strong work ethic**
- **Patience**
- **Teamwork**
- **Initiative**
- **Interpersonal skills**
- **Problem-solving**
- **Flexibility**
- **Organizational skills**

## TIME COMMITMENT

Horizon Academy is in operation from **7:30 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday**. We would be happy to accommodate your schedule to work within these hours in order to complete your internship requirement. We have events outside of school hours (such as the Bayou Bash) that we would also appreciate help with as needed. We also have opportunities available in the summer!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact our Development & Office Assistant, **Amanda Metzler**, at:

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