

SAVE LIVES IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Become an Overdose Rescue Trainer (AmeriCorps)

More than 2,000 people in Michigan died from an overdose last year, and more than half of those deaths occurred in the tri-county area. To stop overdose deaths in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties, the AmeriCorps Community Training for Overdose Rescue (ACT) program teaches community members how to intervene during an overdose emergency to save lives. It is vital that those most likely to encounter an overdose emergency are prepared to respond – people who use opioids and their friends and family members, block club members, safety patrol groups, security personnel, and employees of local businesses, community organizations, and service-providing agencies.

As an Overdose Rescue Trainer, you will:

- promote the ACT program to diverse audiences and recruit community members to participate in Overdose Rescue training sessions
- schedule, organize and deliver training sessions to teach community members how to intervene during an overdose emergency, and equip training participants with life-saving overdose-reversal medication (Narcan/naloxone)
- increase community awareness surrounding opioid use disorder and harm reduction strategies

Visit www.cus.wayne.edu/ACT for more information about the ACT program and how to join our team.

Position Summary

This AmeriCorps member position is a paid opportunity to develop real-world skills and experience through hands-on service. Part-time (20 hours/week) positions are available. Members will receive comprehensive training at the beginning of their term, as well as ongoing feedback and support to successfully achieve program objectives.

Members will be expected to:

- facilitate group meetings and training sessions
- present effectively to diverse groups of various sizes
- communicate professionally with program staff and community partners and respond promptly to email during scheduled work hours
- engage in community outreach by attending community meetings, contacting residents, visiting area businesses, distributing flyers, etc.
- work effectively with people of various backgrounds and cultures
- demonstrate a high degree of respect and sensitivity, particularly in conversations with community members about difficult subjects like substance use and overdose

Applicants with interest in one or more of the following areas will be well-matched for the role:

- community organizing and outreach
- overdose prevention and harm reduction
- health education and community health interventions
- emergency response/first aid
- civic engagement, volunteerism, and public service
- substance use disorder/recovery
- desire to affect change related to the opioid epidemic
- public health, public policy, social science, healthcare, or related fields

Benefits

In exchange for committing to a service term (450 hours), AmeriCorps members will:

- Receive a \$3,250 living stipend (distributed bi-weekly) and information about supplemental resources
- Earn a Segal Education Award of \$1,638 upon completion of your service term, which can be used to help pay for college, graduate school, or vocational training, or to repay qualified student loans. Some student loans may also qualify for forbearance during the term of service.
- Get an Overdose Rescue Kit containing overdose-reversing nasal spray (Narcan)
- Receive over 80 hours of extensive professional development and training
- Gain valuable skills and real-world experience that can lead to other employment opportunities
- Save lives and contribute to positive change in your community
- Join a team with other people in the community who are also committed to public service
- Become part of the broader AmeriCorps national service network
- Have access to Service Year Alliance: an online network of resources that provide job opportunities and continued professional development to AmeriCorps alumni
- Connect to career opportunities with leading employers from the private, public and nonprofit sectors

Time Commitment

Members selected for this position will commit to a term of at least 450 hours. Hours will be served on a part-time schedule (20 hours/week) over the course of 6 months. Hours are typically scheduled during normal business hours Monday – Friday, with occasional evenings and weekends. After successful completion of this service term, members may elect to serve an additional 450-hour term.

Applicants can choose from several possible start dates, which are scheduled throughout the year. The next scheduled start date is June 29 for the Summer 2020 term, and applicants interested in beginning their term in Winter should submit their application by June 6. If you would prefer to participate in a future term, you may submit an application any time and indicate your term preference on your application.

Eligibility

ACT is a service program within the AmeriCorps network. To be eligible for AmeriCorps, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and pass a comprehensive criminal history check.

We value diversity, inclusion and equity. We do not discriminate in any aspect of service because of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical appearance, ability/disability, socio-economic status, marital or parental status, veteran status, or any other improper criterion.

To Apply

Visit our website for application instructions and to learn more about ACT:

<http://www.cus.wayne.edu/ACT>

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