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Career Community Summary

This career community focuses on serving the public through mission or cause-based work, which may focus on improving the lives of individuals, couples, families, or communities. Through programs and services that serve the greater good, careers in this community strive to impact overall quality of life and advocate for social justice.

Professional areas of interest include community outreach and partnership development, public/community health, advocacy, capacity building, development and fundraising, educational administration, as well as program direction. Successful professionals in this field have honed their skills in empathy, collaboration, flexibility, and adaptability, which enable them to best support the communities they serve.

Skills Needed

- Resourcefulness
- Dedication
- Ability to manage multiple projects
- Commitment to mission/cause
- Ability to build relationships

- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Empathy
- Written and verbal communication skills

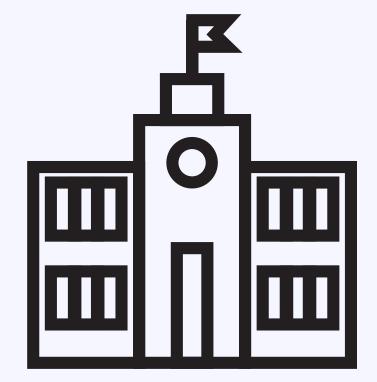


Sample Job Search Terms

- Program coordination
- Volunteer recruitment & management
- Advising/counseling
- College student affairs
- Grantwriting, fundraising, & development
- Social work

- Teaching & educational administration
- Library sciences
- International education
- Community & public health
- Speech therapy
- Human services
- Global health

- Conflict resolution
- Event & festival management
- Membership services
- Community partnerships
- ESL/second
- Community outreach
- Faith-based work



Work Locations

- Schools
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Higher Education
- Educational companies
- Affinity group organizations
- Nursing/group homes

- Festivals
- Government
- Law enforcement
- Hospitals
- Community programs

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Get Involved on Campus

- Greek Life
- Volunteer/intern with cause based work/orgs
- MSU Community Relations Coalition
- MSU Greenline

- Peer mentor/Resident Assistant
- Intercultural Aides
- ASMSU
- Alternative Spartan Breaks



Professional Organizations

- Michigan Nonprofit Association
- National Education Association
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Young Nonprofit Professionals Network
- Michigan Education Association

- National Association of Nonprofit Professionals
- https://www.arts.gov/partners/state-regional
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- Public Health Foundation
- American Public Health Association

Research, Info, & Job Search Sites

- Americorps.gov
- Idealist.org
- Councilofnonprofits.org
- Culture Source
- Philanthropy.com
- Foundation Center
- Michigan Nonprofit Association
- Public Health Jobs
- Michigan Public Health Institute
- American Public Health Association
- Higheredjobs.com
- Young Nonprofit Professionals
 Network
- NPO.net

Tips

- Volunteer for a cause or issue that you care about. This is extremely important for demonstrating your commitment to this professional area.
- Internships in this career community are often unpaid. Explore scholarship opportunities to help you cover your costs!
- Consider AmeriCorps or National Service as a post-grad opportunity. This is often a gateway to the industry and offers the chance to get experience and professional development.
- Say yes to opportunities to diversify experiences in internships, volunteer jobs, and entry level work. Professionals in this community often wear many hats on the job and a wide range of skills is highly beneficial.