



2020 Summercise Internship

Norton Sound Health Corporation: Nome, Alaska

*The 2020 Summercise Internship is contingent on reauthorization of the SDPI diabetes grant.

Who we are:

The Chronic Care Active Management and Prevention (CAMP) program is a disease prevention health promotion department at Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). The department is funded by Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) through IHS. The team consists of Registered Dietitians, Tobacco Quit Coaches, Lactation Counselors and other health educators who may provide mentorship throughout the internship. We are a team that values excellent communication, positive teamwork, and high-quality customer service.

What we are looking for:

We are looking for energetic and creative individuals looking for an experience teaching youth about healthy living. Norton Sound Health Corporation located in Nome, Alaska is recruiting 6-8 college interns for the summer of 2020 to coordinate the award-winning program, *Summercise*. Recognized by the American Diabetes Association for the John Pipe Voices of Change Award for Innovation, Summercise is a nutrition education and physical fitness program for the youth of the Norton Sound region. Over the past 19 years, approximately 125 students from around the United States have come to Nome to work with local youth in efforts to prevent diabetes and learn about the Alaska Native culture, including outdoor activities and traditional foods.

Summercise is held at the Nome Recreation Center and is an inspiring program to provide nutrition education and get youth active throughout the summer. Summercise interns lead all aspects of Summercise. Interns will also be a mentor to high school assistants who will assist with the classes you are leading and teaching. Summercise is broken up into two groups; 5- & 6-year old's and 7 and up.

What do we consider a good candidate?

- **Working with Children:** Students should enjoy and have a strong background and experience working with large groups of children ages 5-12. This can include summer camps, after school programs, coaching, boys and girls club, etc.
- **Nutrition & Health Knowledge:** Students should be pursuing an undergraduate program in one of the following areas:
 - Nutrition and Dietetics
 - Exercise Physiology
 - Other preventative healthcare fields
- **Leadership Qualities:** professional behavior, strong value set, good role model, ability to motivate and inspire, teamwork, positive energy, maturity and the ability and willingness to mentor a high school student

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- **Initiative:** self-starter, independent thinker, creative, problem-solver, ability to multi-task, culturally sensitive, open-minded, and motivated to learn
- **Working within a Team:** Experience working within a team is highly encouraged. This may include sports teams, leadership teams, committees and clubs, etc.
- **Physical Fitness:** Only students with demonstrated abilities to teach physical fitness in addition to nutrition/health knowledge will be considered. Physical fitness is not limited to specific sports or activities. Be creative!
- **High Priorities:** Instructors for swimming/lifeguards, experience in the outdoors, dance/gymnastics/cheerleading, ball sports, cooking classes, experience in a specialty sport or activity, and many more. We are always looking for new things to offer the kids.

What we offer:

This is an unpaid internship that lasts between 8-10 weeks. We will provide you with housing, pay your airfare to and from Nome, provide a pass to the recreational center in Nome, and be given a weekly stipend for food. You will likely be sharing housing and/or a room with another Summercise intern or NSHC staff. Your housing will be fully furnished with kitchen supplies, furniture, beds, bed linens, washer and dryer, and internet. A two-week training session will be provided.

This internship may offer many exciting community nutrition experiences through the Summercise program. These opportunities may include: diabetes management and prevention, nutrition education, WIC, outpatient counseling, long-term care, health fairs and community screenings, maternal and child health, foodservice, community nutrition displays, and public service announcements.

Employment Information:

NSHC conducts employment verification checks and criminal background and fingerprint checks for all positions. All successful applicants will be required to provide current immunization records (MMR, hepatitis), proof of rubella immunity, TB skin test (PPD) status documentation, current license/certification (if applicable) and proof of citizenship or legal residency (i.e. Social Security card and driver's license/identification card, birth certificate, legalized resident documents, etc.).

As a tribal organization which operates under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, NSHC exercises an Alaskan/Native/American Indian hiring preference under PL 93-638.

Summercise Intern Expectations and Priorities:

1. Summercise coordination
2. CAMP events and projects for health promotion and disease prevention
3. Unscheduled tasks assigned by CAMP staff
4. Weekly rotations and assignments
5. Community collaboration/partnership/volunteerism

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Important Dates:

**Note all dates tentative and subject to change*

- **Applications Submission Start Date: January 13th, 2020**
- **Due Date for Summercise Application: February 24th, 2020**
- Phone interviews: March 9th – 20th, 2020
- Arrive in Nome: May 23rd or 24th (Memorial Weekend)
- Orientation & Training: May 26th – June 5th
- Summercise Dates: June 8th – July 24th
- Leave Nome: July 31st, 2020
- **Total Summercise Commitment: May 23rd – July 31st**

How do you apply?

Please send the listed application packet via email to Summercise@nshcorp.org addressed to Stephanie Stang, MS, RD, LD by February 8th, 2020. All application materials must be sent as either a Microsoft Word Document or PDF attachment. We will not accept written, JPEG or picture applications.

Application Packet Includes:

- Application Information Sheet
- Completed Summercise Questionnaire
- Cover Letter: 1 page only indicating your career goals, experience working with or coaching children, comfort level leading a group of children, and why you would be a valuable addition to our summer team
- 1 Page Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation - Can be sent with your application or directly from the person submitting the recommendation. Ensure that the person submitting the recommendation puts your name in the letter. Recommendation letters are to be sent to summercise@nshcorp.org addressed to Stephanie Stang, MS, RD, LD.

Do you have questions about Summercise?

Stephanie Stang, MS, RD, LD: Wellness Director - Questions about Summercise program, typical day, nutrition projects, etc. can be emailed to sestang@nshcorp.org.