

2019/2020 Social Work Intern

At Open Table Nashville, we accept interns for fall and spring semesters and over the summer for a minimum of 10 hrs/week. Our internship program is designed as a hands-on learning experience that fosters personal growth, educational goals, leadership, professional skills, and a deeper understanding of how to break cycles of poverty and homelessness.

Our interns have access to supervised, hands-on outreach experience as well as access to trainings, educational resources, and evidence-based practices in the field of homeless outreach.

The duties and responsibilities of this internship may involve:

- Accompanying outreach workers as they provide support to people in campsites, at day centers, on the streets, and in housing
- Assisting outreach staff with outreach tasks like supply drop-offs, taking people to appointments, helping people obtain needed documents like IDs, birth certificates, and social security cards, etc.
- Attend OTN trainings and read relevant articles, as assigned
- Serve as an Innkeeper at a Resource Shelter at least once a month. (This involves spending the night from 8pm-8am with other volunteers. Resource Shelters are held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.)
- Help update the "Where To Turn In Nashville" resource guide
- Attend at least one public meeting and/or public action

Serving at OTN demands flexibility, patience, and an openness to give of yourself and receive from others without judgment. In all our work, we are called to practice hospitality and kindness. We are not here to simply provide services, but to share love, compassion, and community with our friends on the streets and to build a more just society. **We prioritize interns who can meet these requirements:**

- Are at least 18 years old.
- Have at least one reference from a current or former supervisor, teacher, or mentor.
- Passionate about going beyond models of service and charity toward models of justice where cycles of poverty are broken.
- Be willing to intern without a stipend or to raise funding for your living expenses. If you have financial needs, let us know and we will support however we can.
- Have specific personal, professional, and academic goals in mind.
- At this point, we require interns to have a car. We will help with some gas expenses.

Interested individuals should fill out the [Internship Application form](#).

Open Table Nashville is a non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized and provides education about issues of homelessness.