

Field Education Intern with Vanderbilt Divinity School

At Open Table Nashville, we accept interns for fall and spring semesters and during the summer for a minimum of 10 hrs/week. Interns must be at least 18 years of age. 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 (including an urban immersion) and read relevant articles, as assigned
- Attend at least one public meeting and/or public action
- Other duties as assigned such as helping sort and organize donations

Interning at OTN requires 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 offer compassion and solidarity with our friends on the streets to build a more just society. **We prioritize interns who can meet these requirements:**

- 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.
- Have specific personal, professional, and academic goals in mind.
- Have a driver's license and car insurance. We will help with gas expenses.

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