



FSA Internship Program 2022 Internship Opportunities

Kendal at Oberlin

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Kendal Early Learning Center Internship

Overview:

Kendal at Oberlin is pleased to have the opportunity to offer an eight-week internship for the summer of 2022. The student is offered an opportunity to work with key staff on two significant projects underway at this time. The site of the internship is a 110+ acre campus in a beautiful natural setting with lawns, woodlands, walking/biking paths as well as scenery for many outdoor activities. Kendal at Oberlin will offer housing onsite in one of our duplex accommodations adjacent to the main campus. Kendal at Oberlin is located a short walk from the center of Oberlin, well known for its small-town ambience and important cultural and academic traditions.

Kendal at Oberlin is a life plan community founded on Quaker Values and will celebrate its 29th anniversary in the fall of 2022. Kendal at Oberlin is one of 13 not-for-profit affiliates of The Kendal System, a nationally recognized family of life plan communities and services for seniors guided by its *Values & Practices* designed to create conditions that foster independence, well-being, security and fulfillment in later years. Kendal at Oberlin has been an innovator in introducing new programs such as Kendal at Home, now serving older adults across Ohio and beyond. Kendal also provides home and community-based services in the larger community through a partnership with Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice. Through such partnerships, Kendal is committed to a system-wide effort of “Together, transforming the experience of aging®”

Kendal on Oberlin’s campus features 223 Independent Living cottages/apartments; 67 Assisted Living private rooms; a 12-bed (also private rooms) Medicare-Skilled nursing unit; an out-patient therapy department providing physical, occupational and speech therapy to residents; a Licensed Home Health Care Agency (Ohio Living Home Health and Hospice) and an extensive offering of health and wellness services. Kendal is finalizing the details of a strategic plan that will take them through the year 2026. Kendal at Oberlin is home to over 340 residents who have come from 37 States (and DC) across the

U.S. It upholds the highest of standards for life plan retirement communities and has been accredited by CARF-CCAC since 1997.

The student intern will be provided housing in our North Pleasant duplex on Kendal at Oberlin's property. This free lodging includes a private room in a 2-bedroom apartment. The apartment has a fully equipped kitchen, free Wi-Fi, and a washer and dryer. In addition to lodging, the student will be provided 3 or 2 meals daily by Kendal dining services in the Fox and Fell dining room. By residing onsite, students will have access to freely interact with Kendal at Oberlin residents. We encourage students to join residents for meals and attend Kendal at Oberlin events.

Kendal at Oberlin's Early Learning Center is excited to have a student who will focus on intergenerational programming for our KELC students and our residents. The pandemic has created a separation between the residents and our KELC students. Kendal believes that intergenerational relationships foster emotional growth for our residents and our students. These interactions are a cornerstone of the Kendal Community. The importance of having a designated educational learning opportunity that focuses on reestablishing connection between our elders and our little children is of great importance.

The FSA Student will learn how to create a survey, analyze the results, and create interventions. The culmination of the project will be the final survey to assess intergenerational relations. Noting strengths and weaknesses that will assist Kendal at Oberlin in rebuilding its intergenerational opportunities is key to our future community.

Oversight of this project will be provided by Jeni Hoover, our Kendal Early Learning Center Director. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati. In addition to Jeni Hoover, retired resident educators will offer guidance and support.

Goal and Learning Objectives:

Kendal at Oberlin is requesting a 10-week intern for 32 hours a week, Tuesdays through Fridays 9:30 – 6:00 PM for the Kendal Early Learning Center. The intern's goal is to evaluate the current intergenerational program between the KELC and our residents and to create a plan to increase opportunities and satisfaction in our intergenerational interactions.

1. The intern will create a survey which evaluates intergenerational programming between residents and Kendal Early Learning Center students and teachers.
2. The intern will gain experience with interviewing. Interviews will include, but are not limited to, previous participants, staff of KELC, children enrolled in KELC, parents of enrolled children, and Kendal at Oberlin residents.
3. The intern will gain trust and build relationships.
4. The intern will develop and implement an action plan to address opportunities which arise from the survey.
5. The intern will investigate and create lesson plans to find ways that will allow children and residents to interact virtually or in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic.