

Wentworth Institute of Technology
Division of Student Affairs
Office of Housing and Residential Life

Graduate Assistant for Residential Communities Practicum

Purpose/Objectives: The practicum will expose a graduate student in Student Affairs to the operations and development of a specific residential community. The graduate assistant (GA) would have the opportunity to gain experience with Resident Assistant training and development, facilities management, the student conduct system, and many additional areas of interest.

Responsibilities:

- Work with the Resident Director to oversee the general health, safety, and wellness of the residential students in a first year residential area
 - Coordinate the selection, training, and supervision of approximately thirty work study students in the gym and game room, and/or the reservation(s) for the auditorium space in the residential area
 - Assist the Resident Director with the training and development of the Resident Assistants and Senior Resident Assistants in the area
 - Facilitate roommate mediations and room changes
 - Serve as a hearing officer to educate students of their responsibilities as community members through Community Standards Process
 - Attend 1 hour staff meeting with residence hall staff and meet weekly with Resident Director of the area

** These responsibilities can be revised or expanded based on student interest. See next section.*

Optional Experiences

- Duty shadowing
 - Coordinate and supervise programs in the residential areas
 - Participate in Resident Assistant training and selection
 - Oversee a RACE (Resident Assistant Community Enhancement) Program Committee – a large scale programming initiative with Resident Assistants from all residential areas on campus
 - Participate in weekly departmental staff meetings and monthly division meetings
 - Attend department and division-wide committee meetings
 - Research projects based on interests and experience of the graduate student and the needs of the department

Schedule/Hours per week:

- 10-20 hours per week, as needed with your practicum or assistantship requirements for the graduate program.
 - Very flexible schedule.

Additional Benefits:

- Meet weekly with your practicum supervisor
 - Receive ongoing feedback about your performance and a formal evaluation at the end of the practicum experience
 - Staff will assist with resume and interview critiques
 - *During the Summer months a studio apartment is available on campus*

Position Availability: 1 position per semester/year

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The Office of Housing and Residential Life

The Office of Housing and Residential Life is made up of four central staff (Director, Associate Director, and two Assistant Directors). There are also five Resident Directors for the various areas on campus including traditional double style, suites, and apartments.

Mission Statement - Office of Housing and Residential Life

The Mission of the Office of Housing and Residential Life is grounded in our belief that every interaction provides us with an opportunity to educate. In partnership with other offices on campus, the Office of Housing and Residential Life creates and facilitates residential communities that support our students' personal, academic, and professional success.

Mission Statement - The Division of Student Affairs

As an educational partner in the Institute, the Division of Student Affairs is committed to engaging students in co-curricular learning opportunities that augment their academic growth. These experiences foster the development of the students as contributors to their professions and to the greater community.

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About Wentworth Institute of Technology

Founded in 1904, Wentworth is a small, four-year private institution in Boston, Massachusetts. The college is an independent coeducational institution offering bachelor's degrees in the fields of architecture, computer science, construction management, and interior design. Wentworth is also a part of the Colleges of the Fenway, which is a consortium of local colleges

Mission statement

Wentworth takes pride in educating students in technical disciplines through a nationally recognized model of hands-on, real world problem solving combined with classroom instruction and cooperative work experience. Within a student-focused learning environment, Wentworth provides opportunities for intellectual and personal growth both in and out of the classroom, resulting in the development of the whole student as a skilled professional and engaged citizen.

Values statement

The virtues set forth in the Creed, Honesty, Energy, Economy and System, continue to guide the Wentworth community today. Since our founding in 1904, significant changes and advancements have been made within the Institute and within our regional, national, and global communities. In keeping with the tradition of the Creed and supporting the message of the Mission, the following core values both describe our purpose and inspire our action. See the creed at <http://www.wit.edu/SD/creed.htm>.