

Organization Name:

Catholic Community Services Tucson (CCS-Tucson)
Migration and Refugee Services Department (MRS)

Organization Background:

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), Arizona Office of Refugee Resettlement (AZRRP), and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CCS-Tucson MRS Department welcomes families who have legally entered the United States through the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees Agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Over the past 40 years, CCS Tucson MRS Department has helped refugees from countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Somali, Burundi, Rwanda, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Bhutan, Burma, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Central African Republic, Sudan, Vietnam, Southeast Asia, Bosnia, resettle in Tucson.

CCS-Tucson MRS provides comprehensive services for refugees resettled in Pima County, from arrival to 5yrs post arrival including housing support, clothing, emergency food assistance, financial support, trainings, transportation, interpretation, cultural orientation, employment services, services to older refugees, and linkages to services for status adjustment, family reunifications, behavioral health, nutrition and family support.

The program is client- centered, strengths-based, and advocacy driven, focused on working collaboratively with other Resettlement Agencies and local service providers creating a network of stakeholders that support refugees to heal, live in safety and achieve self-sufficiency.

<https://www.ccs-soaz.org/services/detail/migration-and-refugee-services>

Internship Project Title

Refugee Resettlement

Project Description:

Pathways to Self-sufficiency and Integration

CCS Tucson MRS provides resettlement services to welcome refugees into their new lives and community. The services include case management, links to employment, job readiness training, transportation, housing resources, short-term financial assistance, school registration for children, cultural adjustment and orientation support

Day to Day activities include:

Intakes, assessments, refugee orientations and trainings, working with Interpreters

Welcoming newly arrived refugees at the airport, Setting up new homes

coordinating and transporting clients to medical appointments, case documentation

Home visits, coordination with community partners and volunteers.

Multiple Types of Internship focuses are available:

1. **General Case Management Internship** providing a supportive role to Case Workers, gaining experience with client intakes, assessments and goal planning. This internship provides the most flexibility and broadest amount of experience in the continuum of refugee resettlement from refugee arrival through 5 years of services.
2. **Girls Empowerment Internship** in conjunction with the Girl Scouts helping to coordinate and facilitate Girl Scout activities for Refugee Girls.
3. **Food Security and Food Waste Internship** in conjunction with Iskashitaa Refugee Network helping to coordinate Food Harvesting activities for refugees
4. **Health and Wellness Internship** focusing on accessing medical care including the Domestic Medical Screening, lab work, specialty providers and enrollment in the WIC program
5. **Community Outreach and collaboration Internship** focusing on building community partnerships with service providers who support refugees.
6. **Volunteer and Resource Development Internship** focusing on recruiting and retaining volunteers, securing and processing donations and managing in-kind documentation requirements

Internship project keywords (check all that apply). These keywords help students search for internships in our database based on their areas of interest:

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| ☐ Health Disparities | ☐ Collaborations with University |
| ☒ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Community health service |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☐ Physical Activity |

- ☐ Substance Abuse
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☒ Access to care
- ☐ Nutrition
- ☐ Reproductive/Sexual Health
- ☐ Environmental Health
- ☐ Maternal/Infant Health
- ☐ Tobacco Use
- ☐ Injury/Violence Prevention

- ☐ Immunization
- ☐ Infectious Disease
- ☐ Oral Health
- ☐ Evaluation
- ☐ Policy Development
- ☐ Program Planning
- ☐ Data Analysis
- ☐ Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

When: *When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.*

- ☒ Fall Semester
- ☒ Spring Semester
- ☒ Summer Term
- ☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.
- ☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: _____

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 140 W Speedway Blvd. Tucson, 85705

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *Same as above*

☐ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

Interest in supporting refugees
 Ability to work with diverse populations
 Patience and flexibility

Finger Print Clearance Card

Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Enjoy working in a fast-paced environment

Interest in and support of working within our current evidenced based methods and framework for refugee resettlement

While not required, ability to drive, driver's license and a clean driving record will help the candidate get the most out of the internship

While not required, flexible hours including some evenings, nights and weekends will help the candidate get the most out of the internship

While not required ability and willingness to lift 40 pounds will help the candidate get the most out of the internship

Level of Expertise Needed: *Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern? Note: The field-based internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice. Graduate student internships differ as the students should be required to apply advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems. Both experiences prepare students for future employment.*

☐ MPH

☐ Undergraduate

☒ Either

Please note that we do not have the capacity to support interns wishing to start new projects or service delivery models. All interns must be willing to work within and support our current framework.

Supervision

Internship Supervisor/Preceptor:

Migration and Refugee Services Program Director

Margaret Palmer

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Master of Education-Curriculum and Instruction

20 yrs. experience working with diverse populations of Children, youth and families,

13 yrs. experience working with Refugees and Immigrants in supportive services and resettlement

Compensation/Benefits

There is no stipend available and we do not participate in any publications at this time.

Application Contact Information

Contact information:

Margaret Palmer

520-670-0821

Email: (preferred method) margaretp@ccs-soaz.org

Supporting Documents Required:

Emailed letter of interest stating desired internship focus as listed above

Resume

Documentation of ability to obtain Finger Print Clearance Card

Completion of Refugee 101 prior to starting internship or within 1 month.