

Victim Advocacy Internship FAQ's

LCSNW welcomes students to join the Victim Advocacy Program as sexual assault and crime victim advocates! LCSNW has been providing accredited sexual assault and crime victim services to all members of the Spokane community since the 1970s. We are the only accredited Community Sexual Assault Program and Crime Victim Service Center in Spokane County. Our highly trained certified Victim Advocates offer trauma informed, inclusive, free, and confidential services to survivors of trauma and their loved ones. LCSNW operates a 24/7 sexual assault support line for the community.

- **What opportunities do interns have?**

Interns have varied opportunities for direct community outreach and service, system coordination, and advocating for social justice. Outreach includes but is not limited to attending civil and criminal court proceedings, answering the hotline, accompanying survivors during exams at local emergency departments, promoting agency services at local events, and engaging in social activism.

- **What would a typical week look like?**

A typical week would include one full day, 8am-5pm, of staffing our 24/7 sexual assault support line. While answering these calls, you are providing individuals in crisis with psychoeducation, coping skills, and local and national resources. Staffing the line includes responding to local emergency rooms when requested to accompany a survivor during the medical exam, evidence collection, and/or reporting to law enforcement. Other days may include additional opportunities for court outreach, direct services, attending statewide groups & task forces, and other projects as assigned by the supervisor.

- **Do you provide on site-supervision?**

Yes. Each week you will meet with the Intern Supervisor for an hour of supervision.

- **How many hours per week are required?**

We require that you spend at least one full day, 8am-5pm, in the office each week in order to answer the support line and provide hospital response. Additionally, we require that your internship is at least 9 months long.

- **What are the requirements to intern?**

You must have an active driver's license, reliable access to a vehicle, and active car insurance. A screening interview and background checks are also required. Lastly, you must attend the state-required training in order to be certified as a victim advocate. This training is a total of 40 hours, provided to you at no cost, hosted by our program, and can count towards your internship hours.

- **Would this internship be in-person, remote, or hybrid?**

You would be fully in person at our office at 210 West Sprague Ave in Spokane.

- **Do you provide a stipend or any form of compensation for interns?**

Unfortunately, not at this time.

- **Who do I contact for more information?**

Abigail Dougherty, Intern Supervisor, at 509-343-5011 or crisisresponseteam@lcsnw.org