

Direct Services Advocate, RVAP

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The Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) is a department within the Division of Student Life at The University of Iowa. RVAP is a sexual assault victim advocate and prevention agency that also hosts the Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline. While the Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline supports survivors throughout the entire state, RVAP provides additional healing support, prevention and advocacy services to the following counties: Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Johnson, Lee, Washington, Van Buren. The mission of RVAP is to provide free, confidential, trauma-informed advocacy to all affected by sexual violence and promotes social change through prevention education.

This position will coordinate and provide confidential, medical, legal, personal, and system advocacy, and other direct services to sexual assault victims/survivors in Cedar, Iowa, and Johnson Counties. Network with local professionals, agencies, and programs regarding sexual assault advocacy services, with specific outreach to underserved and marginalized communities. Must be able to take call shifts on a rotational basis with other staff members and respond within 20 minutes to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Position is a term position; one-year with the ability to extend up to 6 years or become permanent.

Salary and Benefits:

- \$34,093 to commensurate.
- Fringe benefit package include 24 days paid vacation; sick leave; health, dental, life and disability insurance options; and generous employer contributions into retirement plans.
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Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience in human services or related field. Masters preferred.
- Demonstrated work experience (typically 6 mo-1year) providing counseling and /or advocacy.
- Demonstrated organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks and respond quickly and effectively to challenges and deadlines.
- Experience with standard office computer applications.
- Extensive knowledge of and ability to utilize tools, techniques and processes for gathering and reporting data.
- Valid Iowa driver's license and meet UI Fleet Services requirements.
- Understanding of the issues related to the decision-making process; ability to analyze situations fully and accurately, and reach productive decisions.
- Demonstrated knowledge and application of the communication techniques and relationship building skills that develop the ability to work with a variety of individuals, groups, and diverse backgrounds in a constructive and collaborative manner.
- Ability to complete RVAP Advocate training within the first six months and complete Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault Certificate requirements within first 12 months of employment.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Demonstrated knowledge of and ability to utilize various methods to deliver learning solutions for desired training outcomes.
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- Demonstrated work experience (typically 6 mo – 1yr) providing counseling and/or advocacy to survivors in a rape crisis center or similar setting.
- Knowledge of and ability to conduct program planning, assessment and outreach.

Applicant credentials are subject to verification. To apply for this position visit our website at <http://jobs.uiowa.edu> and search for Requisition #67276. Applications will be accepted through **September 9, 2015**

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