### PURPOSE OF SF INTERNSHIPS AT THE SMITHSONIAN

The primary purposes of the Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management’s Occupational Health Services internship is to provide a practical learning experience in Occupational Health Nursing. Expected competencies will vary according to the specific area of study within Nursing Studies, academic requirements of the university, and professional goals of individual students.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Occupational Health Services primarily engages in health promotion, illness prevention and health restoration. We offer opportunities for internship in our wellness program to include performing health assessments and participation in community health events. We also offer opportunities to gain experience in medical office functions such as electronic medical records management and program scheduling, and education with participation on assessments and treatment in such areas as visitor first aid, hearing conservation, respiratory protection and infectious disease management for International travel.

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students will engage in activities which contribute to the smooth functioning of the specific internship experience. She/he will assist in researching policies and standards, developing skills and in demonstrating an understanding of health management and care in the Occupational Health setting. Students will be expected to demonstrate competencies in oral and written communication, leadership, and initiative.

### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisor will provide students with assignments and activities which will provide the opportunity for the student to learn about, and participate in a professional capacity in the management of Occupational Health Nursing and Wellness Promotion. Supervisor is also responsible for identifying the expectations of the project and the provision of opportunities to participate in clinic activities, and the provision of resources, time, and support to facilitate the successful completion of the assignments.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. To be determined based on internship objectives established by intern and supervisor
2. Presentation to SF senior staff of final project (including process used, results obtained, benefits to SF and suggested follow-on work)

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Student will acquire and develop skills and knowledge in health promotion, illness prevention and health restoration in the Occupational Health setting through practical applications. She/he will be accompanied by professional staff facilitating learning of various activities and aspects of care in the Occupational Health setting.

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