



EDUCATION INTERN

On My Own of Michigan has received funding from Community Care Corps to build a **paid internship program for college students underrepresented in special education programs** and is now recruiting two special education students to join our team for up to nine months.

ABOUT ON MY OWN OF MICHIGAN

[On My Own of Michigan](#) is a metro Detroit nonprofit dedicated to making independent living possible for people with developmental disabilities.

We were founded in 1997 by parents of young adults with developmental disabilities who were looking for, but could not find, independent living options for their children. After much consideration and planning, our founding families worked together to create the option they had searched so long for: a supportive, inclusive community that allowed their children to live the lives of their dreams.

In 25 years of service to our community, we've helped individuals with autism, Down Syndrome and other cognitive impairments achieve and maintain independence.

A DAY IN THE LIFE AS AN EDUCATION INTERN

Our education interns report to the Director of Education and are expected to be trusted, hard-working, passion-driven team members to help build the independence of teens and young adults with developmental disabilities and provide them with the support they need to reach their goals.

Education interns are responsible for supporting, teaching, and guiding our students through:

- planning (with support) and implementing small group independent living-focused lessons,
- providing 1:1 and small group assistance with in-classroom tasks, community-based activities, and in-home skill practice, and
- working with the Director of Education to support curriculum design, lesson implementation, and program evaluation.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- hands-on special education experience
- tailored experiences based on your interests
- exposure to community-based and experiential learning and teaching strategies
- a collaborative team to work with and learn from
- training and experience with research-backed teaching strategies and curriculum
- experience with a wide array of abilities
- a safe place to develop your teaching style

ABOUT OUR IDEAL CANDIDATE

We're looking for self-starters who are willing to do what it takes to help our students thrive.

Personal Characteristics

Our ideal candidate is:

- ✓ flexible,
- ✓ proactive,
- ✓ reliable,
- ✓ a strong communicator,
- ✓ detail oriented and organized,
- ✓ committed to growth and improvement,
- ✓ comfortable working with a diverse population and engaging in our equity work,
- ✓ knowledgeable about the language of special education, and
- ✓ passionate about helping people with developmental disabilities achieve independence.

Educational and Professional Experience

All candidates must have:

- ✓ undergraduate or graduate-level standing in a college or university special education program
- ✓ a clean background check

Candidates will ideally have:

- ✓ one year of lived, volunteer or work experience with people with development disabilities

This is an internship specifically for students underrepresented in special education. We encourage students of color, male-identifying students, students with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ students to apply.

Time Commitment

- ✓ our internships begin in the last week of June/first week of July and are up to 9 months in length
- ✓ interns will work up to 20 hours per week, in a combination of weekday and weeknight shifts: in July and August interns will work during the weekday while during the academic year interns will work a mix of weekday and weeknight shifts (fitting around intern class schedules as needed)

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

All On My Own of Michigan staff must be up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters, and adhere to all organizational COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks indoors.

Benefits to Look Forward to

- ✓ an hourly wage of \$17/hour

We'd Love to Meet You!

If you're interested in becoming one of our education interns, please email your interest and resume to Emily Lourim, Director of Education, at emily@onmyownofmi.org.