

Internship Opportunity: Educator Training Development Intern

Organization: Down Syndrome Network, Inc. (DSNetwork Arizona)

Location: Remote (Arizona-based)

Pay: \$15-21/hr (depends on experience)

Hours: Approximately 5-7 hours per week, Late Sep to Early Dec (12 weeks)

About DSNetwork:

At DSNetwork, our mission is to educate, support, and advocate for those in our community touched by Down syndrome. We achieve this through an open, supportive, and collaborative network, connecting individuals, families, educators and caregivers with essential resources and information. Our interns are valued team members who make a meaningful impact while gaining hands-on experience and skills for future career growth.

Position Overview:

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated intern to help develop and organize and create educator training resources for the upcoming Fall semester. This role will involve creating, educational practical and inspirational guides and presentations for educators, paraeducators, and typically developing students at various grade levels. The ideal candidate will assist in compiling and branding DSNetwork's education-related resources, including parent, sibling and student perspectives.

Responsibilities:

- Develop training presentations tailored for different educational levels using existing materials combined with sourcing new materials from reputable, research based sources.
- Create practical guides and hands-on activities for educators and students
- Ensure all materials are branded with DSNetwork language, logos, and colors
- Collaborate with the team to align training materials with DSNetwork's mission and goals
- Assist in delivering pre-recorded and live online training sessions for parents/carers, teachers, and support staff
- Other duties as assigned

Topics Covered in Training Sessions Include:

- Supporting Early Development
- Primary Education
- Understanding and Supporting Behavior in Children with Down syndrome
- Secondary Education
- Dual Diagnosis of Down's Syndrome and Autism
- Creative ways for schools to educate their student and teacher body about Down syndrome

Qualifications:

- Student of Bachelor's or Master's (Preferred) in Special Education
- Strong Research skills
- Creative input regarding ideas for educators to help de-stigmatize Down syndrome for student body & peer to peer mentoring
- Outstanding people skills with a positive attitude
- Excellent written and verbal communication abilities
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Tech proficiency in Google Suite, Canva, and other relevant applications
- Ability to work independently in a virtual environment
- Dependable and strong work ethic with a willingness to contribute as needed
- Flexible and adaptable to changing needs and priorities

Benefits:

- Gain practical experience in educational content creation and nonprofit work
- Opportunity to work remotely with flexible hours
- Engage with community leaders throughout the state
- Contribute to meaningful projects that support educators and students in understanding and embracing learners with Down syndrome
- Develop materials for your educational portfolio

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Jennifer@dsnetworkaz.org. Please include your interest in working with DSNetwork and any relevant experience in your application.

Join us in making a difference in the lives of educators, students, and families touched by Down syndrome!