



Nature Program Internship

The Nature Connection's mission is to improve the wellbeing of individuals and communities through the therapeutic use of nature. We travel throughout Middlesex County and the Greater Boston area to deliver nature-based programming to people with limited access to the outdoors: youth in therapeutic schools and/or group homes, people with disabilities, and elders in memory care units with dementia/Alzheimer's. Through regular programs combining seasonal natural materials, live animals, and hands-on activities, we connect vulnerable individuals with nature's capacity to heal, teach, and create joy.

As a Nature Program Intern, you will contribute to this valuable work by engaging program participants in meaningful connections with nature, animals, and each other alongside Nature Connection staff and volunteers.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Assist Program Coordinators in planning and preparing for programs (gathering information, supplies, creating program materials) for participants of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
- Interact and engage with program participants through nature alongside Nature Connection Program Coordinators and volunteers.
- Learn and demonstrate knowledge of Nature Connection methodology and communication style.

Key Skills & Requirements:

- Preferred candidates should be enrolled in, or have recently completed, an undergraduate program of studies in psychology, biology, social work, education, or a related field.
- An interest in nature/animal/eco/alternative therapies, an interest and/or experience working with people from diverse backgrounds, and/or an interest in nature education (formal or informal).
- Excellent professionalism as you will be representing Nature Connection to the public, and conduct yourself in a manner fitting a role model to participants during programming.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills as you will be interacting with program participants and the Nature Connection team of staff and volunteers.
- Possess and show empathy and compassion while executing Nature Connection policies of safety, choice, and respect.
- Creativity, passion, and humor while also being flexible and adaptable under pressure.
- Team player – Nature Connection values diversity of opinion, background, and ability in our program participants as well as staff, volunteers, board, friends and supporters.

Please send a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in The Nature Connection and how it relates to your overall career goals. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Contact: Taylor Eagan at teagan@nature-connection.org.