

HCC Visual Arts Internship Job Description

Faculty Sponsor: Margie Rothermich
Community Partner: Jennifer Sitron & Rachel Chapman, Plunge Arts

Academic focus: Studio Art; Education
Credit Options: 1-2 credit internships

Accepted interns will work with Plunge Arts to provide ongoing art experiences for the 5-12-year-old population of Girls Inc. of Holyoke. Working with HCC interns gives the students at Girls Inc. exposure to different voices about making art, and more models of a strong adult from their community.

Internship responsibilities will grow progressively throughout semester & will include:

- Observing and assisting during hands-on artmaking workshops;
- Introduction and demonstration of lessons for students;
- Curriculum planning with support from Margie Rothermich and Plunge Arts.
- Development of lessons based on personal creative interests;
- Refinement of lessons for range of age groups;
- Participation in and understanding of materials & classroom management;
- Requirement to work with materials budget for lesson;
- Participation in ongoing group reflection and assessment, including written self-reflection.
- Creating and maintaining a visual inspiration journal.

The internship culminates with an all-day(s) art workshop with interns designing, planning, and delivering the art-making experiences assisted by Jennifer & Rachel of Plunge Arts and the Girls Inc. staff. An art exhibition is held after the workshop for the students to share their work with their family and friends. Interns are invited to attend this community event.

The academic focus of the internship is to explore the interns' personal creative interests and show how to use those interests to inspire the students at Girls Inc. The internship will give a view into art teaching and community outreach opportunities for HCC students.

Time expectations:

Girls Inc. is an after-school and vacation program for girls ages 5 - 18 living in the greater Holyoke area. Most art-enrichment programming is scheduled for vacation times and early-release days due to the short time that the girls are present in the afternoon. The interns will have regular meeting requirements with Plunge Arts; the hands-on teaching times will be concentrated during vacation days & early release days. For example, time may be scheduled for four afternoons in April and from 9:00 - 4:30 for two days during the public-school April vacation week.

We will work with the HCC intern to create a workable schedule based on their school schedule.