



Santa Clara University AmeriCorps Job Descriptions

What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative new partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of 46 AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new school and community gardens, low-cost farm stands, and by utilizing a farm-to-school model to increase the amount of fresh and local produce served in school lunches.

The HEAL Project

AmeriCorps Job Description - Nutrition and Fitness Coordinator

Overview of Organization: The HEAL Project is an award-winning, children's health education program based in scenic Half Moon Bay, 20 minutes south of San Francisco. Our acronym, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Learning embodies the essential concepts of our dynamic curriculum. HEAL delivers a majority of its programming to students in grades 2-12 at several campus locations in the Cabrillo Unified School District through its Noontime Sports & Games, daily HEAL classes, Garden Clubs, and Summer Class activities. HEAL engages parents and community by presenting and participating in workshop, volunteer, school, and guest presentation opportunities and events. As the first elementary school in the state of CA to earn a Certified Producer license, the HEAL Project has brought together students, parents and community, promoting appreciation for a local food system through its classes, produce sales and participation in the local Farmer's Market. The HEAL Project is a non-profit organization.

HEAL AmeriCorps Position:

Number of Open Positions:	One (1) FT position is available
Program Location:	Half Moon Bay & surrounding coastside communities
Accepting Applications:	Yes, starting July 15, 2010 until positions are filled
Program Start/End Date:	Start October 2010 to Sept 2011

Position/Member Duties:

The Nutrition & Fitness Coordinator will support HEAL's educational mission, working mainly with 2nd – 5th grade elementary school children. The Coordinator will utilize

HEAL's internal curriculum to introduce primary concepts of nutrition, healthy lifestyle, plant & agricultural science, environmental stewardship through garden-based and classroom lesson activity

Will serve as role model for students, leading Noontime Sports & Games activities at participating elementary schools within CUSD, emphasizing active lifestyles and good sportsmanship.

Will participate in school garden maintenance & development of garden & outdoor education stations

Serve as Advisor for a weekly 4th/5th grade Garden Club activities

The Coordinator will participate in planning/implementation, promote and/or represent the HEAL Project at various school & community events throughout the year.

May be called upon to assist & support HEAL Instructors.

Will recruit and support volunteers for the HEAL Project with particular emphasis on involvement in the Noontime Sports program.

Record/maintain tracking data as utilized by HEAL, complete timesheets, evaluations and general records pertaining to AmeriCorps and the HEAL Project. Member will maintain open communication and meet regularly with the HEAL supervisor.

Skill Requirements:

- Must be organized, responsible, accountable, able to work independently, yet part of the HEAL team
- Garden or agricultural interest/experience; an interest or background experience in health, nutrition, food systems, community, or environmental education a plus
- Proficiency, written & spoken, in English; Spanish language skill a plus.
- Competence in basic computer/internet use
- Able to perform routine garden tasks; lift 25lbs

Education Req: High School graduate or equivalent; some college preferred

Language Req.: Proficiency in English; written/spoken Spanish a plus.

Other Req: Must have personal transportation to travel between school sites (no public transportation available) Must be willing to submit to fingerprinting/DOJ background check to work with children

Work Schedule: Follows the school schedule (8-4) with occasional evening, weekend activities

Program Benefits:

- \$16,000 Stipend for 11 months (1700 hours) of service, distributed bi-weekly
- Health Insurance
- \$5,350 AmeriCorps education scholarship after completion of the program

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