



CLINICA MONSEÑOR OSCAR A. ROMERO GARDENING FOR HEALTH INTERNSHIP

Type: Internship | **Location:** 2032 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA | **Post Date:** December 16, 2013
Application Deadline: Ongoing until position is filled

Overview

Founded in 1983, Clinica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero (CMOAR) provides quality and affordable health care, health education, and advocacy services to the uninsured and underserved communities of Greater Los Angeles. The Clinic has 30 years of history in working to provide services for those most in need. Clinica Romero operates two community based primary care clinics in the Pico-Union/Westlake and East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights area. We offer care with respect and dignity to people with little or no health insurance, without exclusion. Our 15,000 patients are part of the growing number of people without health insurance in our community. CMOAR removes barriers to care and provides access regardless of geographic location, financial means or immigration status.

Title: Gardening for Health Internship

Clinica Romero is looking for an emerging gardener/health student seeking direct experience in leading volunteers, mobilizing the community, and designing an all-year garden and healing space. Applicants that stand out will be those with outstanding leadership and independent work skills who have the drive to develop, organize and facilitate a new project. This internship will be rigorous and demanding, and it will provide an unparalleled opportunity for personal and professional growth, as well as leadership skill building. This is a great opportunity to see and experience firsthand what is involved in the administration of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

Responsibilities

- The intern will work closely with the Senior Programs and Patient Services Director of Clinica Romero, attend departmental meetings, and function as a member of the administrative team
- Maintain a garden map and work calendar. Foster a community of volunteers through outreach and education and coordinate volunteer work days to maintain the garden
- Develop garden and nutrition education materials for the clinic
- In addition to gaining practical community health experience, the intern will incorporate core organizational values of professionalism with an emphasis on teamwork, kindness, compassion and quality of service at all levels
- Devise other strategies for branding and marketing of CMOAR's community garden

Eligibility: undergraduate, recent college graduates or experienced young professionals

Qualifications

- Motivated, outgoing self-starter, outside-the-box thinker, natural team player
- Exceptional communication skills, strong work ethic, and genuine desire to work in a community health setting
- Must have some background in agricultural sciences, but initiative and an eagerness to learn can make up for lack of direct services
- Fluency in Spanish a plus

Time commitment: Minimum of 15 hours per week; minimum of 3-month commitment, with 6 months desirable.

Compensation: This is an unpaid position. There is opportunity for school credit if allowed by the college/university of applicant.

How to Apply

Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Please send your resume to rpleitez@clinaromero.com with the title of the internship and your name in the subject line of the email.