

GRADUATE ASSISTANT POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Student Life Graduate Assistant

Department: Student Life

Reports To: Director of Campus Engagement

Shift/Hours: 15-20 hours per week

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SUMMARY

The Graduate Assistant (GA) must be fully admitted to a Graduate degree program at Madonna University. The GA reports to **Director of Campus Engagement**. A schedule will be mutually arranged by the GA and the Supervisor to ensure the hour requirement is met. The GA must register for a minimum of 6 semester hours (minimum of 9 semester hours is required for international GA's) during each Fall and Winter semester. The GA may register for additional credits up to a maximum of 18 semester hours per academic year. The GA must maintain good standing academically (3.0 or higher GPA each semester) and adhere to the University Code of Conduct to maintain their position.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Maintain a 3.0 (or higher) GPA each semester for which the student is given the GA award. GA must be in good academic and personal standing.
- 2. Serve as the primary point-of-contact for the over 50 registered student organizations (RSOs) and honor societies.
 - Maintain up-to-date records of RSO officers, advisors, organizing documents, and other paperwork.
 - Meet on a regular basis (monthly) with RSO student leaders to maintain the level of standard expectations from RSOs.
- 3. Collaborate with MU offices to provide support and programming during peak times.
 - Part of the team providing office coverage for the 1104 suite and Office of Campus Engagement
 - Graduate Assistants must participate in the residence hall move-in and move-out process.
 - Graduate Assistants must participate in an emergency "on call" rotation supporting all aspects of the residential community.
 - GAs must actively participate in student staff training, which begins on the two weeks prior to movein day. In addition, they are expected to facilitate training sessions during fall training and throughout the academic semester.
 - All Graduate Assistants must attend staff meetings and training dates as required by Office of Residence Life.
- **4.** Act as point of contact and provide welcoming services for all populations including International Students once they arrive on campus.
- 5. Assist with New Student and Adult & Transfer Student orientation day(s) planning and programming.
- **6.** Arrange and conduct social activities for all populations including international student community such as mixers, shopping trips, etc...
- **7.** Fully utilize co-curricular tracking software for promoting events, tracking attendance, and evaluating events (such as photos) that will be submitted quarterly to the Director of Campus Engagement.
- **8.** Promote on and off-campus activities that would be of interest to all populations including International Students potentially in partnership with other departments on campus.
- **9.** Build, train, and manage team of student mascots and buddies ensuring enthusiasm, high energy, professionalism, punctuality, and consistent character identity.
- **10.** Manage the schedule of Cruzer, coordinating with campus areas, such as: Campus Engagement, Athletics, Advancement, Alumni, Admissions, Marketing, and others.

- 11. Participate in the planning and execution of campus traditions that foster school spirit and develop campus pride, including Welcome Weekend, Homecoming, Cruzer's Birthday Party, Madonna Nights, Graduation Activities, etc.
- 12. Serve on various committees throughout campus.
- 13. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

The GA must be fully admitted to a Graduate degree program at Madonna University. The GA must maintain a 3.0 (or higher) GPA each semester for which the student has been given the GA award. Professionalism, work ethic, attention to detail and excellent organizational skills including the ability to effectively communicate with non-native English speakers. Comfortability in a multicultural setting is required. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills. Ability to self-initiate, work both independently and collaboratively. Ability to prioritize multiple projects simultaneously and successfully meet deadlines. Ability to work with diverse communities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. The cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher (4.0) scale. Combination of education and practical experience related to the position is preferred.

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