

Placements in JVC Magis

JVC Magis believes in matching the world's needs with a person's desire to be of service. The program will identify needs of Catholic agencies in the Chicago area. The program will then find the person that best matches up with that need.

A typical JVC Magis placement will be with a Catholic agency that is currently interested in developing a program and/or expanding an existing program. The agency does not have the resources to accomplish this. Therefore, JVC Magis provides the agency with the opportunity to have a person available for 30 hours a week, for a 2-3 year period, at a price that is affordable for the agency. The agency's expectation is that the JVC Magis participant utilizes their passion, energy, current skills, and skills being developed from their graduate program, to create and/or expand a program. This is often accomplished with little to no supervision, additional training or resources. **This requires the participant to be a self starter and self driven.** Many applicants will not find this kind of opportunity appealing. While this kind of opportunity can be quite challenging it also offers many exciting opportunities for training, growth and development.

JVC Magis participants have successfully thrived in these types of environments since the program's inception.

Social work placements in JVC Magis

The JVC Magis program offers an opportunity for persons interested in pursuing a degree in Social Work, from Loyola University Chicago, while being a participant in the JVC Magis program. This is what the opportunity would generally look like:

The JVC Magis participant must be admitted into the School of Social Work. The JVC Magis director, in cooperation with the SOSW, will place the Magis participant in an apostolate, internship site, for three years. The site must be Catholic.

Year 1 – participants enroll in their Level I Field placement internship and seminar.

Year 2 – continue taking school of social work classes.

Year 3 – participants enroll in their Level II Field placement internship and seminar. The participant remains at their placement site but transitions into more clinical work at the site.

This type of training is approved by the SOSW at LUC. However, this does differ from the experience of most of the SOSW students at LUC.

If you are interested in a social work degree, and the above training is appealing to you, then JVC Magis may just be the program for you.

JVC Magis Program Volunteer Placement Sites for 2020-21

Listed below are JVC Magis placement sites.

Social Work

Chicago Jesuit Academy – confirmed

Chicago Jesuit Academy is a full-scholarship, college preparatory, Jesuit, Roman Catholic middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds. The Academy is distinguished by small classes, an extended academic day and a longer school year to prepare students for success in college prep high schools, universities, and positions of community leadership. Chicago Jesuit Academy helps students develop as young men who are open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, loving, and committed to doing justice in the service of others, in accord with the Jesuit mission and tradition. The school's success in its mission is made possible by the disciplined sacrifices of our students, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers and benefactors.

Position: Social worker. Participant would be a part of the social work/counseling program at the school. There would be on site social work supervision.

<http://www.chicagojesuitacademy.org/>

Catholic Charities – confirmed

JVC Magis Placement Opportunity Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago Special Projects Intern for Child, Youth and Family Services

For 100 years, Catholic Charities has supported all who turn to us for help through services that address almost every human service need. Through our division of Child, Youth and Family Services, we offer a wide variety of programs for youth and families that include child development centers, afterschool programs, trauma-focused youth and family therapy, child welfare, youth mentoring, programs for pregnant and parenting teens, and more. The Magis Volunteer would work on a number of special projects that would allow them to develop a holistic view of how large social service agencies respond to the needs of youth and families.

This position allows- students to develop a broad understanding of social service administration, gain experience developing programs that serve youth and families, and

select a clinical placement that is aligned with their specific career goals. Magis Volunteer will work under the supervision of the CYFS Special Projects Manager their first 2 years, and have multiple opportunities to interact with senior level managers at Catholic Charities. Ideal candidates should be self-motivated, resourceful, and comfortable communicating with a variety of stakeholders.

- **Year 1, Special Projects:** Volunteer will engage in various activities to support general CYFS operations. These tasks may include grant writing, strategic planning, program evaluation, staff training, and opportunities to develop community partnerships that benefit programs throughout the service area. During Child Abuse Awareness Month (April), they will develop marketing materials for our public awareness campaign, create lesson plans, facilitate professional development opportunities for staff, and plan other activities to help educate the larger community. They will also work to bring new resources, events and programs to the St. Mary of Celle Family Strengthening Center, our community center in Berwyn, IL. They may also assist in our Youth Mentorship program.
- **Year 2, Youth Mentorship Program:** During the second year, Volunteer will assist with coordination of our youth mentorship program in Chicago (New City/Back of the Yards community). Volunteer will run psychoeducational groups, plan recreational activities and provide case management services to youth in the program. Volunteer will also help with general coordination of the program to help them develop skills in youth development, program management, community outreach, marketing, mentor recruitment, support and training.
- **Year 3, Clinical Placement:** Volunteer will select a clinical placement with one of our programs based on their personal interests. We can offer placements with various clinical counseling programs in our Youth and Family Therapeutic Services Department that specializes in trauma-informed therapy, and the Arts of Living Program, a home visiting program that serves pregnant and parenting teens and adults at local high schools and in the community.

Spirituality

(These placements for persons getting master's degrees in Divinity, Spirituality, Pastoral Studies)

Brother David Darst Center - confirmed

The Brother David Darst Center provides unique learning and immersion opportunities that explore issues of social justice through the lens of Christian social teachings of peace, justice and respect for human dignity and the environment. We seek to inspire a responsive, active faith, a commitment to serve and a passion for social change.

JVC Magis Position

As a member of a small staff (usually consists of 4-6 people), the JVC Magis has the opportunity to make significant contributions to the mission and operations of the Darst Center. Although specific responsibilities will be outlined for each staff member, there is a culture of collaboration that has been established within the operations of the Center that gives each staff person access to varied aspects of the ministry. Along with a culture of collaboration, the Darst Center staff strives to live out values of hospitality, accompaniment, simplicity, community, and presence.

Essential Function

The most critical responsibility of the JVC Magis is as Retreat Facilitator. In this role, the JVC Magis will serve as a lead facilitator of urban immersion/service-learning retreat programs, working with high school and college students from throughout the county to explore issues of social justice.

www.brdaviddarstcenter.org

Misericordia Heart of Mercy – Confirmed

Misericordia is a residential facility, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1921, serving nearly 650 adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Misericordia believes each person has not only a right to life, but a life worth living, and the organization focuses on helping residents to reach their full potential and to have access to many opportunities in the areas of work, community, personal health/fitness, spirituality, and more.

Position: Campus Minister

The Magis Campus Minister's primary responsibilities are to help coordinate liturgies and religious services for Catholic, Christian, and Jewish residents (with the possibility of expansion as the resident population becomes more diverse); plan and lead small faith-sharing/prayer groups for residents; help to facilitate the Heartzingers choir of singers and signers; provide one-with-one spiritual accompaniment to residents seeking this; provide sacramental formation; and assist as needed and desired with other on-campus activities (bakery, yoga classes, retreat program, community garden, resident volunteering at a local senior center, etc.). There is also an opportunity to become involved with youth ministry, sacrament preparation, and social events for children and youth who do not live at Misericordia but are involved in our outreach program.

<http://www.misericordia.com/>

Old St. Pats – confirmed**Old St. Pat's**

Since its founding by Irish immigrants on Easter morning in 1846, Old St. Patrick's has been interwoven in the life and history of the City of Chicago. Today, Old St. Patrick's is home to a membership of more than 3,000 households and innumerable friends. As we grow, we continually redefine what it means to be an urban church. We are an active community, engaged in faith development, social justice initiatives, and prayer and worship. We remain committed to being open to new visions and possibilities of how to be church.

Foundations, Old St. Pat's youth group, serves an average of 130 teens each academic year. We have a vibrant ministry with youth group meetings, retreats, service days, fellowship events, fundraisers, and Worktours (summer service trips).

Magis Youth Minister

The Magis Youth Minister will work in collaboration with and under the supervision of the Director of Youth Ministry to implement this comprehensive youth ministry program for high school students and their families. The Magis Youth Minister's primary responsibilities include: developing and leading service and fellowship events during the academic year for youth group members, developing a parent faith formation curriculum, supporting implementation of bi-monthly youth group meetings, and leading the transition from 8th grade Confirmation to high school youth group. The Magis Youth Minister will also have an opportunity to be a part of a retreat and summer service trip leadership team, and assist in planning three church-wide events. Finally, the Magis Youth Minister will engage in various activities to support general youth

ministry operations and will work with the Director of Youth Ministry to tailor their experience to develop the ministry skills they are most interested in learning.

<https://www.oldstpats.org/>