

APPLES

Service-Learning

**ALTERNATIVE BREAKS
GRADUATE ASSISTANT
2015-2016**

In 1990, a group of UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students created the APPLES Service-Learning program, believing that service to the community could enhance their academic courses and expand the realm of learning far beyond the traditional classroom. APPLES is a program of the Carolina Center for Public Service, a pan-university center engaging and supporting the faculty, students and staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in meeting the needs of North Carolina and beyond.

APPLES alternative breaks provide an avenue for students to perform service activities across North Carolina, the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic. Students travel and serve the needs of a different community while also making lasting friendships with other Carolina students. Each group is led by two undergraduate student organizers and works collaboratively to assess and address the needs of their destination community before leaving for their trip. Before, during, and after the alternative break experience, students will also have the opportunity to reflect upon their experiences and to explore deeper issues relating to the community.

The alternative spring break (ASB) experience includes a two-credit hour, pass/fail course in which students examine theories behind community service, coalition building and community asset development as well as specific issues relative to the communities where they serve during the break.

Alternative Breaks Graduate Assistant

The alternative breaks graduate assistant position will work with a total of 15 alternative break experiences through fall (AFB), winter (AWB) and spring (ASB) break programs. The work will be a combination of advising, administration and program support. The alternative break graduate assistant will have the following responsibilities:

- Participate in fall and spring break program transition retreats
- Advise AFB, AWB and ASB co-chairs and co-leaders
- Attend weekly/bi-weekly meetings for AFB, AWB, ASB leadership teams
- Assist with leadership development training and workshops
- Assist with participant orientation and re-orientation sessions
- Oversee finances and logistical coordination of break program planning by student leaders
- Attend weekly ASB course lecture and recitations in the spring
- Assist with grading ASB course materials
- Attend APPLES organizer fall and spring retreats
- Attend bi-weekly CCPS staff meetings
- Further develop program assessment
- Provide supplemental support for other Carolina Center for Public Service programs as available.

Enrollment in a UNC graduate program and an interest in service-learning are required. Experience with nonprofit organizations, including familiarity with program evaluation, curriculum development and student leadership development is preferred. Excellent writing, computer and organizational skills are required. The individual must enjoy working in a collaborative environment with undergraduate students, campus departments and community organizations. Teaching experience or experience in group facilitation is preferred.

Dates of employment:	August 2015 – April 2016
Hours:	18 hours a week for 32 weeks
Total funding	\$16,000

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