



PREVENTION CORPS

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MEMBER GUIDE

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ABOUT US

Prevention Corps is an AmeriCorps program that is educating and empowering communities across Connecticut to end the opioid crisis.

The Prevention Corps mission is to provide proactive, community-focused solutions in opioid education, awareness, and stigma reduction.

Members specific position descriptions can differ greatly depending on their host site, but all engage in community education and harm reduction efforts through coordinating and directly providing training in the use of Narcan, a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose emergency, and leading presentations on stigma reduction, recovery, and Connecticut's opioid epidemic.

Organizations Prevention Corps members work with include public schools, local prevention councils, recovery focused initiatives, youth service bureaus, greenspace community programs, and public health departments.



MEMBERS

Prevention Corps Members are placed with nonprofit organizations, or city/state agencies (host sites), across the state for a ten-month term of service. These paid apprenticeships build the capacity of organizations and provide a career-building experience for Members.

Prevention Corps might seem similar to an internship in that it offers mentoring, networking opportunities, and experience in a field – but is different in that it is a commitment to serve your community.

Instead of being an employee or intern, you are a member of the Prevention Corps program and in addition to all the benefits of an internship, you will also receive a monthly cash stipend and an education award for tuition and student loans.

Members serve either a part-time term (900 hours) or a full-time term (1,200 hours).

- **November 1, 2022 (Fall start): Full-time (35 hours per week) or part-time members (25 hours per week). Last day of service will be September 1, 2023.**
- **February 7, 2023 (Winter start): Only part-time members (30 hours per week). Last day of service will be September 29, 2023.**





MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

As an AmeriCorps program, Prevention Corps has the following federal requirements for all members:

18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR G.E.D.

You do not need to be in college or have any degree. Some of our best members are retired, in the midst of a career change, or simply wanting to give back to their community. Serving is an excellent transition from college to a career, opportunity to fill an internship requirement or gap year, or way to explore how you can make a major or minor change to your job.

CITIZENSHIP

Federal laws require members to be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or legal permanent resident alien of the United States.

PASSION TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Most importantly, you should be excited to engage in your community and make a difference in the world.



APPLICATION PROCESS

To become a Prevention Corps member, you will go through a multi-step, thorough application process including contacting references and a background check. The interview and placement process, which we call matching, is as follows:

INITIAL APPLICATION

To apply, [you'll fill out the application here](#) and email your resume and cover letter to preventioncorps@ryasap.org

PHONE SCREENING

A mini-interview over the phone to answer any initial questions and make sure you're the right fit for the program.

FIRST INTERVIEW

A scheduled interview via Zoom with two Prevention Corps staff members going into more detail about Prevention Corps and what you can bring to the program. After, we contact two references.

HOST SITE INTERVIEW(S)

An interview with a host site supervisor to determine if you'd be a good match for the member position at their organization.

DECISION & OFFER

After consulting with the host site supervisors, you are offered a member position.



Preventions Corps members receive monthly trainings, weekly support from Prevention Corps staff, and real-world experience in the non-profit and public health sector. Additionally, we offer a modest living stipend paid twice monthly.

MEMBER BENEFITS

A FULL-TIME MEMBER: 1,200 HOURS (35 HRS / WEEK FOR 10 MONTHS)

\$13,000 Stipend
+ \$4,546 Education Award

A PART-TIME MEMBER: 900 HOURS (25 HRS / WEEK FOR 10 MONTHS; 30 HRS / WEEK FOR 8 MONTHS)

\$8,400 Stipend
+ \$3,247 Education Award

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