Majors and Potential Volunteer Positions

**Art:**  Leisure Activity Assistant, Arts & Crafts Instructor

**Business:**  Accounting Assistant, Evaluation Assistant

**Dance, Occupational Therapy, Health Fitness:**  Yoga Instructor, Leisure Activity Assistant

**Education, Science, Math, History:**  Adult GED Tutor, Juvenile Classroom Tutor, ESL Tutor, Library Assistant

**Family Studies:**  Clerical Assistant for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Committee, Domestic Abuse Intern

**Music, Theater:**  Drumming Circle Leader, Music & Arts Appreciation Group Facilitator, Music Therapist

**Peace Studies:**  Gang Intervention Group Facilitator, Anger Replacement Training Group Facilitator, Dorm Assistant/Intern

**Social Sciences:**  Employment Readiness Instructor, Transition Support Assistant, Evaluation Assistant, Research Assistant, Adult Substance Abuse Court Intern, Probation Reporting Center Intern, Dorm Assistant/Intern, Smoking Cessation Assistant, Aggression Replacement Training Assistant, Gang Intervention Group Facilitator, Juvenile Court Navigator, Juvenile Detention Center Intern, Treatment Program Intern

**Theology:**  Bible Study, Religious Program Facilitator, Befriender

**ANY Major:**  Speaker’s Bureau “Life Lessons”, Chess Mate, Job Coach, Tutor, Dorm Assistant, Leisure Activities Assistant
Volunteer and Internship Opportunities

Ramsey County Community Corrections is proud of its strong volunteer program, Volunteers in Corrections, which began in 1970. Approximately 200 volunteers work in the Department throughout the year.

The mission of the Volunteers in Corrections program is to assist staff in achieving the goals of the Corrections Department by providing a direct, caring and personal link between the client and the community.

Program Highlights

⇒ 20,000 volunteer hours are provided each year.

⇒ The Advisory Board and Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF) Nursery staff coordinates plant and tree sale fundraisers with plants grown in our nurseries.

⇒ Scholarships are awarded to clients wishing to pursue their college degree.

⇒ $38,000 has been granted in scholarships to 98 clients since 1988.

⇒ Bus tokens are given to clients in need.

⇒ Gift certificates for Rainbow are given out to families in support of the ‘Food for the Holidays’ project.

Volunteers and interns offer services in a wide variety of opportunities. Our goal is to match volunteers with positions that are a match to their knowledge, skills and abilities. We offer positions that will give you an opportunity to gain meaningful experience in the workforce and in the field of Corrections. In return, Community Corrections clients receive your input and expertise and the gift of your time. We have positions available in adult and juvenile facilities, as well as in probation.

**We encourage you as a potential volunteer to call and tell us about specific gifts, talents, knowledge, skills and abilities so that we can help tailor volunteer positions to utilize those strengths and the time availability that you have!**
Why Choose Volunteers in Corrections?

1. The opportunities allow for flexible scheduling; after school, weekends, on your schedule and ours.
2. You can volunteer alone or with friends, roommates, your dorm buddies, or meet new people who are already part of our volunteer team!
3. You can add practical, pragmatic, mastery of skills to your classroom knowledge.
4. Our staff is anxious to help you get more than you give in service.
5. Our comprehensive training helps you feel comfortable, confident and competent as you face new challenges and opportunities.
6. You will receive professional supervision and coaching in learning new skills and honing ones you already have.
7. We need your enthusiasm, your knowledge, skills and your interaction to assist us in providing a direct and personal link between the client and the Community.
8. You can play a significant role in the life of one or many of the inmates and juveniles at Ramsey County Community Corrections.
9. Volunteers in Corrections will offer a ‘money back guarantee’ that you’ll love volunteering, have fun and be recognized for your contribution!
To Get Started:

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Volunteer Resources (cc.vic@co.ramsey.mn.us). You will be asked a few questions and an interview can be arranged that fits with your schedule. A one-to-one interview helps us both to learn more about each other and how we can work together. Students should be honest about time availability, their skills and the skills that they would like to develop or learn as a volunteer. Volunteers in Corrections will match you to a program opportunity that fits your interests AND helps you build a resume with some practical experience to match your academic efforts in the classroom.

Not sure...

We will work with you to explore more volunteer or internship opportunities!

Contact Volunteers in Corrections
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651.266.2386