



INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Friendship Village feels fortunate to have worked with many well-qualified and hard-working interns over the years. Though most students come to us from Western Michigan University, we have also had the privilege of working with scholars from Grand Valley State, Alma College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Ross Medical Education Center, and Life Care Services' own Professional Development/Healthcare Management Program.

There are always interns in FV's outstanding Life Enrichment Department. These students are usually from WMU's Family & Consumer Sciences program and work directly with residents – helping with projects, sharing a meal or a walk, or other activities that provide positive interaction for students and residents, alike. FV often has Healthcare Administration or Interdisciplinary Health majors on campus, as well. Most of these students are either finishing their undergrad program or are graduate students. As opportunities arise, FV also hosts students majoring in Communications, Exercise Science, Marketing, Public Affairs, and Social Work.

In addition, Friendship Village has considerable collaborations with Western Michigan University's Center for English Language & Culture for International Students, the Office of Service Learning, Physician Assistant Department, Psychology-Behavioral Science Department, and the School of Nursing. Most recently, FV has begun discussions with WMU's Medical School regarding participation in their Active Citizenship Program.

Though many would think that these interactions mainly benefit the learners, our residents thoroughly enjoy spending time with students! They love to ask students about themselves and their areas of study – and in so doing, the residents often learn something new, themselves. Kalamazoo is rich with educational choices, and Friendship Village is blessed to have the opportunity to tap into these institutions and the learners that choose them!