

<b>Apprenticeship Title:</b>	<b>Summer Equine Outdoor Adventures Student Coordinator for At-Risk Youth Program</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	12 weeks (approximately May – August, 2017 – <i>these dates are flexible based on applicant's home university's summer semester start and end dates</i> )
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$500/week plus benefits and travel allowance for job-related travel
<b>Minimum age:</b>	18
<b>Minimum requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be currently enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university in a course of study relevant to the mission of Extension.</li> <li>• Must have completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program. Some apprenticeship opportunities may only be available to those that have already completed their junior year.</li> <li>• Must possess a minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application (exceptions will be considered with substantial justification).</li> <li>• Must have prior experience working with equines, either in a therapeutic riding program or have riding experience and work experience with youth.</li> <li>• Have a valid driver's license and reliable personal vehicle.</li> <li>• Must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.</li> <li>• Must be willing to travel (regionally and possibly internationally) and work flexible hours. In other words, this position requires travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings, conferences, etc. (Travel reimbursement will be provided.)</li> </ul>
<b>Preferred qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have experience working with volunteers and youth.</li> <li>• Able to work effectively and build relationships with others.</li> <li>• Have good organization and planning skills and be able to demonstrate effective project coordination, facilitation, and implementation based on past work or school experiences.</li> <li>• Possess deductive reasoning skills and be able to analyze and synthesize information.</li> <li>• Have a personal commitment to working with diverse clientele and colleagues.</li> <li>• Have experience working in an equine assisted activities program and developing lesson plans.</li> <li>• PATH, Int. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor</li> </ul>
<b>Physical requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be able to lift and move up to 50 pounds of hay and other materials.</li> <li>• Must be able to work outside in all types of weather and be exposed regularly to hay, dust, and horses.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional requirements:</b>	

<p><b>Specific Apprenticeship Duties:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the MSU faculty, Extension Associates, and a County Extension Agent to provide summer youth programming in Clay County.</li> <li>• Develop a summer equine activities and riding program and a gardening program.</li> <li>• Work with County Agents and Extension Associates to coordinate an ATV safety training program and an archery program for youth participants.</li> <li>• Assist with and have some primary responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recruiting and training volunteers</li> <li>○ Recruiting program participants</li> <li>○ Assessing participants</li> <li>○ Coordinating activity sessions</li> <li>○ Developing lesson plans</li> <li>○ Implementing activities</li> <li>○ Evaluating participant outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work with the faculty mentor to complete a pre- and post-measure, Youth Outcome Questionnaire 2.0 SR, and collect qualitative data after each activity session.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Apprenticeship Description:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works with an MSU Extension faculty specialist/mentor and other Extension personnel to coordinate research and implement related outreach program events and activities.</li> <li>• Maintains an ongoing, professional relationship with your assigned faculty mentor.</li> <li>• Participates in meetings where local issues are identified and prioritized, and program results and plans are discussed.</li> <li>• Assists in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. As appropriate, conducts the teaching, training or other program presentations.</li> <li>• In some cases, the apprentice may identify and develop a value-added process, program, or training tool that may be implemented within the hosting unit's current operations.</li> <li>• Maintains a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences. Completes and submits journal at the conclusion of the apprenticeship.</li> <li>• Will be expected to develop and present a poster or presentation at an industry-related conference or professional meeting identified by the Extension faculty specialist.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Information:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing is not provided. However, program administrators may be able to assist you in finding an affordable place to live.</li> <li>• Student will attend either the PATH, Int. Annual Conference (November 2017) or the Mississippi Academy of Sciences Conference (February 2018). A student poster presentation will be submitted.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Apprenticeship Faculty Mentor:</b></p>	<p><b>NAME:</b> Julie Parker  <b>TITLE:</b> Assistant Professor  <b>ADDRESS:</b> Box 9745 Mississippi State, MS 39762  <b>PHONE:</b> 662-325-0828  <b>EMAIL:</b> <a href="mailto:jparker@humansci.msstate.edu">jparker@humansci.msstate.edu</a></p>

**Application Process:**

[Online application](#) and supplemental documentation due by **11:59 PM on February 28, 2017**. Supplemental documentation for this apprenticeship opportunity includes:

- Short Essay
- Current Resume
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation (submitted to [mdd269@msstate.edu](mailto:mdd269@msstate.edu) by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>)