

Oregon Youth Authority

Mission: To protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

Vision: Youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.

Who We Serve: The state's most delinquent youth ages 12 through 24 who commit crimes prior to their 18th birthday. Staff and partners provide these youth with a range of evidence-based treatment and education programs designed to address the factors that contributed to their criminal behavior.

Apply Online:

bit.ly/oyavolunteer

An Environment of Positive Human Development

The Oregon Youth Authority promotes a culture that respects and encourages positive human development (PHD).

PHD reflects OYA's core values of professionalism, accountability, integrity, and respect.

PHD fosters caring and supportive relationships, offers opportunities for meaningful participation, creates community connections, sets high expectations, and holds individuals accountable in safe and secure environments.

The culture of PHD infuses all aspects of OYA's work. It guides everything from how staff interact with youth, coworkers, volunteers, and contractors to how OYA's close-custody facilities are designed.



Practicum and Internship Opportunities

Oregon Youth Authority Volunteer Services

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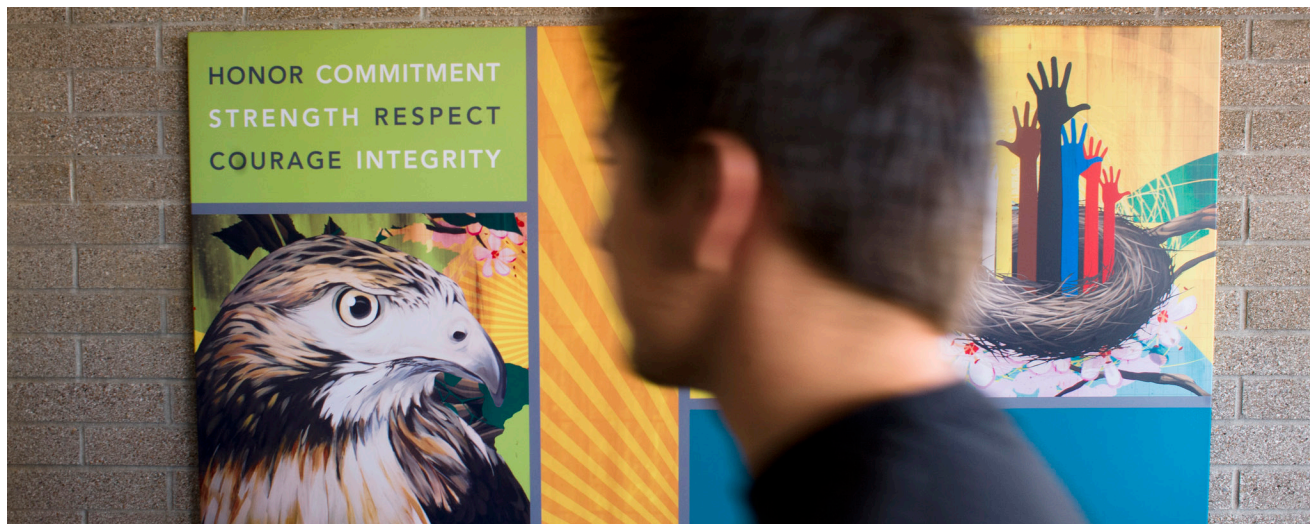
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Requirements for placement in an OYA practicum or internship

To be considered for a practicum or internship with OYA, candidates must:

- Be currently enrolled in a college- or university-sanctioned program
- Be eligible to earn college credit for their OYA activities
- Be at least 21 years old
- Complete an online application: **bit.ly/oyavolunteer**
- Complete and return all forms required by the volunteer program
- Pass a criminal records check
- Pass a check of the Oregon Child Abuse Registry
- Pass a national fingerprint check
- Receive excellent references
- Attend volunteer orientation and training
- Agree to follow OYA rules, policies, procedures, and staff directives



Opportunities Offered

OYA offers a limited number of bachelor's level practicum and master's level internship opportunities. Students can complete college and graduate school academic requirements by working alongside our staff as volunteer practicums or interns.

We offer a wide range of opportunities in the field of youth reformation. Interns and practicum students get the chance to gain practical experience in the areas of intercultural relations, mental health, addictions, academic support, and life enrichment groups.

Mirroring the real world, students must secure their own placement within OYA by contacting and meeting with prospective supervisors.

OYA staff are happy to steer students to the appropriate supervisor in their discipline who might be a good match.

Additionally, connections are often made by academic faculty and advisors who are familiar with OYA and its staff.

