



*Intern*  
**Westcott Community Center**  
*Regional Internship Program: Summer 2025*  
*Fink Career Development Program*



**Organization Overview:** Westcott Community Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that serves the east side of the city of Syracuse and beyond. We provide a wide range of programs and services including older adult services such as meals, transportation, activities and transportation, our basic needs pantry, workforce development, and our after-school programs in 5 SCSD schools. We also have many afterhours programs for our community members including Open Figure Drawing, GED classes and Talk to a Lawyer Program.

Our Mission: To invest in our community by offering essential services and engaging programming to embrace the diverse needs of all.

Our Vision: A community center that meets the evolving needs of individuals and families; strengthening and enriching the current and ever-changing community and neighborhood.

**Internship Description:** Westcott Community Center is located on the east side of Syracuse in the University Neighborhood. We occupy a city-owned historical building that once was the local fire station. The grounds at the community center are designed to be inviting for our community and include a community garden. The community garden was designed and implemented in 2024 to educate our older adult participants on the importance of the "food as medicine" approach to health outcomes and to increase their knowledge of where our food comes from and their health benefits. Older adults attending programming at the center are invited to work alongside staff, interns, and volunteers to maintain the garden and harvest from it as well.

This internship is an opportunity to work hands-on in our onsite community garden. This would include all aspects of garden operations, including planning, planting, and maintenance. Responsibilities may include coordinating with staff, volunteers, and vendors, managing inventory and supplies, implementing sustainable gardening practices, and ensuring the overall health and appearance of the garden.

Additionally, the intern will be involved in developing and implementing a nutrition education for older adults tailored to the crops in our garden, as well as educating visitors and community members about gardening techniques and environmental stewardship. Strong communication, organizational, and leadership skills are required for this role.

**Qualifications:**

Must be an ESF student who enjoys working outdoors in summer weather doing physical gardening work. Must be comfortable doing nutrition presentations with older adults attending programming. Must be able to develop PowerPoint Presentations and educational handouts. Must be friendly and courteous, and respect diverse populations. They must be punctual, responsible, and able to follow through with assigned projects.

**Additional Internship Information:**

- Internship period: 10 weeks starting June 5, 2025.
- Internship location: Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Syracuse, NY 13210
- As a non-profit/government organization, this internship stipend is completely funded through the ESF Career Development Program (\$5,000 total stipend).

**More information regarding the application process can be found online at:**  
**[www.esf.edu/career-services/students/development-program](http://www.esf.edu/career-services/students/development-program)**