



ACT Alternative Service Experience Graduate Assistant

Overview of Position

Appalachian & the Community Together (ACT) is Appalachian State University's clearinghouse for community service, service-learning, and community-based research opportunities within the NC High Country area, as well as across the state, nation, and world. Our mission is **Education, and ACTION** to cultivate responsible citizenship. We offer diverse opportunities to develop **Students** as leaders through experiential learning, to collaborate with **Faculty** to integrate civic engagement within curriculum, and to engage **Community Partners** as co-educators and provide connection to university resources.

ACT is supported by both Divisions of Student Development and Academic Affairs, and is a proud member of North Carolina Campus Compact, a statewide coalition of colleges/universities that is dedicated to community service, service-learning, and civic engagement initiatives. The co-curricular side of the ACT program is a unit within the Department of Student Engagement & Leadership. The Civic Engagement program is a unit within Appalachian's University College. University College consists of the university's integrated general education curriculum, academic support services, residential learning communities, interdisciplinary degree programs and co-curricular programming all designed to support the work of students both inside and outside of the classroom.

Alternative Service Experience (ASE) programs fall within ACT and provide students with an opportunity to serve, learn, explore, and make a difference in the community on a local, national, or global level during their breaks from school. The mission of the Alternative Service Experience program at Appalachian State University is to provide learning opportunities by engaging in meaningful service and dialogue. To uphold our mission we stand by and follow our four pillars of service together, full engagement, thoughtful dialogue, and simple living.

Responsibilities

Reports to: Assistant Director for ACT

- Co-coordinate the Alternative Service Experience (ASE), including assisting with selection/coordination of the ASE Executive Board, advertising/selecting Peer Leaders, implementing a 10-week leadership seminar, coordinating the Peer Leader retreat, and conducting/summarizing student participant evaluations.
- Assume primary responsibility for all driving domestic ASE programs, serving as the main point of contact for driving domestic Peer Leaders
- Advise/co-coordinate 1 major ACT event, such as Dance Marathon, MLK Challenge, Hunger & Homelessness Week, etc.
- Assist with and attend all major ACT-sponsored events during the day(s) of the event.
- Opportunity for additional projects/learning opportunities as interest is expressed by GA.
- Additional responsibilities as assigned.

Compensation

The ASE Graduate Assistant earns \$9,000 per academic year for 20 hours per week, an on-campus parking pass, limited professional development funds, and an in-state tuition waiver.

For more information, please contact Heather Jo Mashburn, Assistant Director for ACT at mashburnhj@appstate.edu or (828) 262-2545.