

The Peace Corps Fellows Program

Field Practicum Component

To bridge Peace Corps experience with academic course of study the US Peace Corps requires all Korbels Fellows to complete a Field Practicum in the local Denver area which helps meet the needs of underserved U.S. communities.

The Field Practicum requires 150 hours of community service that must be completed upon graduation from the Korbels School. It is not too soon to start thinking about a potential field practicum. There are a few options for finding your Field Practicum site - Fellows are more than welcome to research and connect with potential field practicum sites on their own. As a matriculated student, Fellows can utilize resources through the Office of Career and Professional Development including:

- KorbelsCareers: the online job resource database, which provides many internship and career opportunities, as well as internship listings: www.korbelscareers.com
- Practicum and Internship Binders: Students may also read about past field practicum experiences.
- Appointments: as a matriculated student, you may schedule an appointment with Amy Livingston, Associate Director of Career and Professional Development, Amy.Livingston@du.edu or 303.871.6456, to discuss options. The Associate Director will need to approve the field practicum via the Field Practicum Agreement Form located on KorbelsCareers.

Practicum Application and Approval Process

1. After securing a site, you must submit the Peace Corps Field Practicum Agreement Form (located on the document library of KorbelsCareers) to Amy Livingston, Associate Director, Career and Professional Development for approval.
2. Upon completion of the Practicum, you must submit to Amy Livingston the following documents:
 - a) A supervisor's evaluation
 - b) A 3-5 page final report OR a powerpoint presentation or short video on CD describing the work experience,

More information regarding these documents is available on the document library of KorbelsCareers.

The following list contains information about some of the organizations and centers in the Denver area where Fellows may be interested in completing their practicum.

[African Community Center](#)

ECDC's mission is to resettle refugees, promote cultural, educational, and socioeconomic development in the refugee and immigrant community in the United States, and conduct humanitarian and development programs in the Horn of Africa. To pursue this mission, ECDC:

- provides programs and services that assist newcomers to the country become productive members of their new American communities;
- fosters greater understanding among newcomers and the wider community;
- conducts outreach and education activities to increase public awareness about refugee and immigrant issues;
- promotes African community-based organizations increase their capacity to serve their local communities;
- promotes civic participation by newcomers in the decision-making process at the local, state, and national levels; and
- provides cross-cultural training to service providers' on the diverse cultural backgrounds of the clients they work with.

[Big Brothers Big Sisters Inc](#)

Established in 1918, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc. is the oldest mentoring organization in Colorado and is among over 500 agencies affiliated with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. We continue to expand our efforts throughout the state of Colorado, with an outlying office in Colorado Springs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has remained the expert in youth mentoring since its founding in 1904. We provide one-to-one mentoring relationships between volunteers and children throughout the United States and BBBS International is in 33 countries around the world.

Mission: To help children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one volunteer mentoring relationships with measurable impact.

[Colorado AIDS Project \(CAP\)](#)

Colorado AIDS Project (CAP) was founded in 1983 as the first community-wide response to the HIV/AIDS crisis that was devastating the Denver metro area. Today, CAP continues as the largest community based organization responding to the ongoing HIV/AIDS crisis in Colorado by offering vital services through the CAP Wellness Resource Center (WRC), Housing Services Center (HSC), and the Prevention and Education Center (PEC).

The mission of Colorado AIDS Project (CAP) is to improve lives affected by HIV and AIDS and to prevent HIV infection. CAP adheres to this mission by continuously working towards the following goals:

- To empower people living with HIV/AIDS by providing services that enable individuals to achieve the maximum quality of life possible.
- To prevent new HIV infections by identifying at-risk populations and educating those populations - with culturally competent messages - about HIV and how to protect themselves and others from the Virus.
- To ensure CAP is a stable, professional agency providing the most effective and efficient care and prevention services through long-term strategies and collaborations with other agencies and resources in the state and the nation.

Colorado International Trade Office

As a member of the World Trade Centers Association headquartered in New York, we are part of a worldwide network of nearly 300 World Trade Centers in 75 countries. Through cooperative relationships and support services, the World Trade Center Denver and its members can access the resources of the world's major trading centers for information, trade and business contacts and a wide variety of specialized international services.

Colorado Refugee Services

CRSP is directed by the State Refugee Coordinator, Paul Stein. It is a division of the Colorado Department of Human Services and is funded at \$6 million annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, under the authority of the Refugee Act of 1980, as amended.

Our goal is to ensure effective resettlement and promote refugee self-sufficiency. The Refugee Program is a full service program, under a centralized case management system. In existence since 1980, the program is 100% federally funded, and services are provided directly by ten staff, and 15 public and private contractors. CRSP is a part of the Colorado Refugee Network Council, a services network comprised of more than 100 people, which assists in planning and policy. Over two-thirds of the staff are multi-lingual/multi-cultural, to enable communication with our non-English speaking clientele.

Denver Botanical Gardens

At Denver Botanic Gardens, volunteers are essential to our mission of connecting people with plants. Each year, more than 1,100 volunteers provide essential help in many areas of the Gardens. Volunteers are integrated into all aspects of Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield, Mount Goliath and Centennial Gardens.

Denver Health

Denver Health is Colorado's primary "safety net" institution. In the last 10 years, this compassionate organization provided more than \$2.1 billion in care for the uninsured. Nearly \$285 million of that care was provided last year, constituting 42 percent of all unsponsored care provided in metropolitan Denver and nearly 30 percent in the state.

Twenty-five percent of all Denver residents, or 160,000 individuals, receive their health care at Denver Health. One of every three children in Denver is cared for by Denver Health physicians.

Our mission is to:

- Provide access to the highest quality health care, whether for prevention, or acute and chronic diseases regardless of ability to pay;
- Provide life-saving emergency medicine and trauma services to Denver and the Rocky Mountain region;
- Fulfill public health functions as dictated by the Denver Charter and the needs of the citizens of Denver;
- Provide health education for patients;
- Participate in the education of the next generation of health care professionals; and
- Engage in research, which enhances our ability to meet the health care needs of Denver Health system patients.

Denver Health Community Voices

Community Voices sites are making a significant contribution to understanding the health care challenges facing communities, advancing recommendations for change, and implementing solutions. Designed to strengthen community support services and to help ensure the survival of safety net providers, communities are piloting different approaches and strategies and bridging healthcare delivery to underserved populations with new policy solutions.

Initiative Outcomes

- Sustained increase in access to health services for the vulnerable with a focus on primary care and prevention
- Preserved and strengthen safety-nets in communities
- Changed delivery systems that delivers quality care in a more cost-effective way
- Models of best practice for communities to adapt to their unique circumstances

Denver Justice & Peace Committee

Denver Justice & Peace Committee (DJPC) is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting human rights, economic justice and lasting peace in Latin America through education, solidarity projects, and nonviolent activism.

The organization's goals are to: put a human face on poverty, human rights abuses and conflict in Latin America, particularly as they affect indigenous peoples; increase awareness of the ever-widening social and economic injustice in both the South and North; promote discussion of these issues and encourage people to become proponents of social change; and promote sustainable communities and nonviolence.

[Denver Police Department](#)

The mission of the Denver Police Department is to deliver high-quality public safety services so that all people may share a safe and healthy environment.

The Vision of the Denver Police Department, in partnership with the community, will endeavor to achieve our mission by creating powerful crime prevention and crime reduction strategies; structuring the organization to promote professional, creative, well trained, ethical, and accountable employees by utilizing the most modern and effective practices and methods.

[Denver Urban Gardens](#)

As a nonprofit organization, DUG operates and assists with the creation and management of over 60 metro-area community gardens and small parks.

Primarily serving low to moderate income populations in urban neighborhoods, DUG provides opportunities for participants to supplement their diet with produce grown in nearby public gardens. Through the gardens, participants assume responsibility to improve their community, initiate a sense of pride in their surroundings, and improve their nutritional status through healthy, fresh food.

DUG was created in 1985 with a handful of volunteers who created three gardens in northwest Denver. In 1993, DUG took a more organized approach with the hiring of co-executive directors. Today, DUG's 60 active sites stretch beyond Denver and into five surrounding cities.

As we move forward, our mission remains as relevant today as it was in 1985. We believe in: "growing community" - one urban garden at a time. Critical to our mission is the belief that we need to come alongside neighborhoods, in a support role, as they work to create their own urban garden. We seek to enable, unite and empower participants to reach out and build their community. The DUG gardens have become a community focus for producing food, fostering neighborhood activities and hosting education programs for over 22,000 individuals annually.

[Ecumenical Refugee Services](#)

Ecumenical Refugee Services (ERS) helps to resettle refugees and asylees who are legally in Colorado (by Church World Service and Episcopal Migration Ministries), by providing them assistance with educational needs, family and social services, medical attention, employment, and cultural orientation. The main goal of ERS is to help refugees become self-sufficient and independent as quickly as possible. ERS has been working with refugees in this manner since 1979, resettling about 600 new refugees annually.

[The Denver Hospice](#)

The key focus of The Denver Hospice is quality of life. That's why we have a multi-disciplinary team approach to caring for patients, their families and friends. Team members are highly skilled individuals with specialized roles, working together to map out a plan that meets

physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs. Volunteers are a vital part of everything we do because they make the circle larger for all of us. Are you ready to find your unique place inside the circle?

[Institute for Environmental Solutions](#)

An urgent need exists to find, test, and implement sound scientific cost-effective solutions to complex environmental problems.

By addressing environmental issues with a multi-disciplinary technical approach, we can prevent waste and unwanted side effects, and provide opportunities to optimize environmental improvements, and reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Too often, well-intended environmental improvement strategies fail or result in unintended negative consequences because the problem and proposed solutions were not fully and objectively measured and analyzed. Whether due to stove-piped government agencies with compartmentalized technical disciplines or inadequate consultation with key business and community stakeholders, we find that the problem is not effectively solved.

IES has identified critical multi-faceted environmental problems that are not being adequately addressed. We seek to engage a broad spectrum of participants in examining these problems on a project basis and developing sound, cost-effective solutions.

[Institute of International Education](#)

The Institute of International Education was established in 1919 as an independent nonprofit, in the aftermath of World War I, by individuals who believed that there could be no lasting peace without greater understanding between nations and that international educational exchange formed the strongest basis for fostering such understanding. When the flow of foreign students to the United States nearly doubled during the 1950s, IIE established its U.S. office network, including the Rocky Mountain Regional Center, to serve the large number of students under its supervision and to promote international education in the community and on campus. The Goals of IIE:

To promote closer educational relations between the people of the United States and other countries.

To increase the number of students, scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of their own country.

To strengthen and internationalize institutions of higher learning throughout the world.

To foster sustainable development through training programs in energy, environment, business management, and leadership development.

To partner with corporations, foundations, and governments in finding and developing people able to think and work on a global basis.

Japanese American Society

The Japan America Society of Colorado promotes mutual understanding and commerce between the people of Japan and Colorado at a grass roots level:

- By serving as an important resource in Colorado for all things relating to Japan; and
- By providing opportunities for the people of our two countries interested in each others' culture, history, language, arts, education and personal and business exchanges to further their contacts and knowledge.

JASC is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-political membership organization with a programmatic focus devoted to education, business, culture, and public affairs. It is a statewide organization, with the majority of its operations and membership based in Denver. The Board of Directors is comprised of leaders in business, government, education, and the arts. The general membership represents most of Colorado's major population centers and is a mix of Japanese Americans, Japanese nationals, and other Americans.

The Society's goal is to provide a forum through which the people of these two nations may learn from each other's experiences and achievements.

The Society carries out these objectives by fostering cultural, personal, business and professional relations between Americans and Japanese; by discussing important issues and interests common to Japan and America; and by promoting - through education - better understand of the arts, literature, cultural ideals and aspirations of the Japanese and American people.

NARAL Colorado

NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado is the political action arm of the pro-choice movement in Colorado.

NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado works in the following areas:

- Grassroots Organizing
- Lobbying
- Electoral Work for Pro-Choice Candidates and Ballot Issue Campaigns
- Public Education and Community Outreach
- Policy and Education Initiatives to Improve Access to Reproductive Health Services

Mission Statement

The mission of NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado is to develop and sustain a constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive health choices, including preventing unintended pregnancies, bearing healthy children and choosing legal abortion.

[Orbis Institute](#)

Orbis seeks to train youth as leaders and educators who will create a more peaceful and humane world, thus meeting the challenges of an increasingly global society.

[Planned Parenthood](#)

The mission of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains is to improve the quality of life by enabling all people to exercise individual choice in their own reproductive health.

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains was founded in 1916 under the name Denver Birth Control League by a group of women committed to providing family planning services and education to their community. During the first ten years of the organization's history, information regarding family planning and birth control was distributed primarily to married women. These educational activities were illegal under the anti-obscenity Comstock laws, which were finally repealed in 1965.

[Polaris Project](#)

Polaris Project is a leading international organization combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Based in the United States and Japan, we bring together community members, survivors, and professionals to fight trafficking and slavery in the spirit of a modern-day Underground Railroad.

Polaris Project uses a comprehensive strategy: empowering individual survivors of trafficking while also creating long-term social change. [Join us](#) today to volunteer, support survivors, and build the global movement.

[Project Cure](#)

To identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world.

SHARED VALUES

- [Credibility and integrity](#). We will be honest. We won't make promises we can't keep, and we will keep the promises that we've made.
- [Partnership](#). We seek to assist other individuals and organizations that share our common vision.

- Creativity and Ingenuity. We will endeavor to pioneer new ways of meeting the needs of others, being stewards of our resources and solving problems - from the small inconveniences to the major obstacles.
- Stewardship. Despite the fact that most of our assets are donations, we will remember the source and value of these and treat each as a gift from God.
- Excellence in Service. We will do our best work in meeting the needs of one another, our donors, our partners, and the sick and dying around the world.
- Information and Competence. We will become experts in our area of service. We will gain an increasing body of knowledge and expertise to be used, together with these other objectives, to see our vision become reality.
- Attitude. Recognizing that individuals are God's highest creation, we will respect and honor others in the way that we treat them. We will strive to remain pleasant, positive and optimistic in all circumstances.

Rocky Mountain Survivor Center

The Rocky Mountain Survivors Center (RMSC) is a nonprofit organization that assists survivors of torture and war trauma, and their families, to heal and rebuild their lives. The center offers asylum legal representation, health care and social services, is actively pursuing building the capacity of other providers to respond to the needs of torture survivors, and is building a community development component to the work. RMSC is profoundly impressed by the dignity, courage and resilience of survivors of torture- ordinary people who suffer extraordinary trauma, yet choose to recover- and seeks to work with the communities and families in which survivors live, to find ways to bring the effects of torture out of the shadows and into the healing light of day.

Trust and hope were destroyed through the human rights abuses perpetrated by a few people. Rebuilding trust and hope takes an entire community. The Rocky Mountain Survivors Center invites you to learn more about the people we participate with and how you also can participate in the work.

Water For People

Water For People helps people in developing countries improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities and health and hygiene education programs

Our vision is a world where all people have access to safe drinking water and sanitation; a world where no one suffers or dies from a water- or sanitation-related disease.

Water For People's Guiding Principles:

► We believe in people. We believe in the dignity of all people and that access to safe drinking water and effective sanitation are basic human rights.

▶ We keep it local. We believe that drinking water, sanitation and hygiene problems are most effectively solved using local resources. Local communities must be the driving force in all of our programs to make sure solutions are sustainable.

▶ We keep good company. We believe in the power of partnerships. We search out trusted partners who share our vision and work together to build long-term relationships based on trust.

▶ We keep our promises. We believe we owe it to the communities we serve, our volunteers, staff and donors to keep our promises and manage our resources effectively and efficiently.

The following are additional resources to help you on your search for a practicum that fits with your interests:

- www.idealists.com
- www.coloradononprofits.org
- www.globinglobal.com
- www.volunteermatch.org