Mental Health and Aging Lab

http://louisville.edu/psychology/meeks/lab

Professors: Suzanne Meeks

Type of position: course credit

Time commitment: Two semesters minimum. 3 credit hours = approximately 8-10 hours per week. Must attend one weekly lab meeting, which will be scheduled to accommodate students’ class times.

Semesters position is available: Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Location of work: Life Sciences and miscellaneous nursing homes in Kentuckiana region

Qualifications: 301/302 completed. Will need own transportation.

Brief description of project: We have two projects currently under way. One involves observing nursing home patients to determine whether the personalized “Music and Memory” interventions can be useful in calming agitation or improving mood. The second study involves collecting surveys from theater patrons regarding psychological well-being and theater involvement.

Specific tasks: Distribute and administer questionnaires in nursing homes and collect completed questionnaires. Code data in SPSS. Learn an observation protocol and conduct nursing home observations of either patients or staff. Attend lab meetings and complete background readings as assigned.

How to apply: Send email indicating interest to smeeks@louisville.edu. Please specify past experience with older adults and/or nursing homes, course work in psychology, career plans.

Contact: smeeks@louisville.edu