

Planned Parenthood of Illinois seeking Legislative Affairs Intern starting in January

Title: Legislative Affairs Intern **Location:** Springfield, IL

Hours: Hours are flexible, with shifts available Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Occasional evening and weekend hours may be required.

Operated by: Planned Parenthood of Illinois

Primary Responsibilities:

Planned Parenthood of Illinois' legislative affairs program lobbies the Illinois General Assembly and other government officials who make public policy affected by Planned Parenthood and reproductive care. This includes drafting, reading and researching legislation, meeting with state legislators and other government officials to educate them and urge them to support PP positions, producing position papers and other materials on legislation and other public policy issues, and working with other programs with the Public Policy Department.

The Legislative Affairs Intern will work with the Director of Legislative Affairs and will be responsible for monitoring activities and actions within the General Assembly during its Spring 2010 Session. This will include attending committee hearings, monitoring floor debate, creating written reports, distributing materials and information to legislators, and assisting in grassroots campaigns, including a spring Lobby Day.

Internship highlights:

Learn basic lobbying strategies

Educate elected officials on reproductive health and rights

Work with the department staff to draft materials and plan events

Requirements:

Belief in and support of the Planned Parenthood mission

Commitment of at least 20 hours per week for the semester

Excellent oral and written skills

General knowledge of the legislative process

General computer knowledge (Word, database software, Excel)

To apply: Contact volunteer@ppil.org

UIS students with 3 core courses completed in their academic major could do this internship to complete ECCE Engagement and Elective requirements by registering for AST 320 or Legislative AST 323 and volunteering 20 hours/week for 15 weeks. Contact AST@uis.edu for more information.