“As a graduate student eager to put my education to practice, Communities In Schools of Chicago has given me ample opportunity to apply my knowledge and exercise theory and interventions I had only learned about in readings and class lectures up to this point. Other students should consider interning with Communities In Schools of Chicago because of the positive atmosphere of camaraderie, applied learning, and intentional guidance they will receive throughout their time here.”

Jacquelyn Matias, UIC Class of 2020

How to Apply

For more information on the internship and application process, contact Paul Fagen at pfagen@cisofchicago.org.
Interns will gain experience using a model of Integrated Student Supports to help students stay successful in school.

Our students are referred to our services for a variety of reasons, including a change in key school success indicators (attendance, behavior, course performance), grief/loss issues, mental health issues, and/or student leadership opportunities.

what you will LEARN

Interns will:
• Learn to conduct initial assessments (Strengths & Risks, Social-Emotional Academic Development, Questionnaire on Self-Regulation, Developmental Relationships);
• Run individual and group sessions with a focus on social-emotional learning;
• Maintain accurate student files;
• Stay current with service data entries (using SIRP notes); and
• Participate on various teams in the school setting, as assigned (for example, a Behavior Health Team or a Culture/Climate Team).

what you will KNOW

• Communities In Schools of Chicago is partnering with 175 of the city’s public schools during the 2019-20 academic year.
• In 2018-2019, 967 targeted students in grades K-12 received intensive case management and counseling from our Student Supports Managers.
• Of those students, nearly 99 percent were either promoted or graduated. NONE dropped out.