Lifeguards needed for an outdoor pool in downtown Milwaukee: May 24-to late-September!

Red Cross lifeguard certification required

Dr. Burant, our Director of Teacher Education, is responsible for staffing guards for an outdoor pool at an apartment complex in downtown Milwaukee.

She wants to hire a few new guards for the 2024 pool season that goes from May 24th through mid-September.

It would be ideal if Dr. Burant could hire a guard or two willing to work almost 40 hours a week. It would also be great if there were guards who wanted to work their normal summer jobs back home and then jump into some shifts in August when school starts. Since the pool is open for 3 major holidays over the summer, it is also important that anyone hired agrees to work 2 out of the 3 holiday weekends (for at least a couple shifts, not necessarily on the holiday itself).

The pool is open 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM seven days a week, weather permitting.

Typical shifts are 9:30 AM-4:15 PM; 4:00 PM-10:15 PM or 11:00 AM-7:00 PM weekends. However, schedules can be flexible around summer school, vacations, and other obligations/summer plans.

This is a VERY different kind of lifeguard experience and it’s not for everyone. It’s an apartment complex and the residents (from infants to older adults) use the pool area to relax, grill out, read, sleep, swim, flirt, meet friends, sunbathe, etc... Many of the residents like to get to know the guards and if you join this guard team, you will become part of the pool community. The pool also hosts some special theme movie nights and karaoke nights.

This type of pool involves a different kind of scanning and a lot of monitoring of action on the pool deck—for glass bottles and containers, for levels of intoxication that might be unsafe (rare), and for people lying to get in or lying to sneak in too many guests. Guards must feel comfortable communicating with and sometimes confronting adults. This is not a pool where your main interactions will involve blowing a whistle and telling children to walk.

You will learn classroom management skills at the pool, meet interesting people, and have a place to swim and relax poolside in downtown Milwaukee. You can also learn to be a mermaid/merman as Dr. Burant keeps a fleet of tails at the pool. Often, you will have time to read.

Several Marquette students have joined Dr. Burant’s team in recent years. Dr. Burant also guards a few shifts as well; and because she lives a couple of blocks away, she’s often available as back-up or to bring you a coffee on a cold night or Popsicles when it’s hot.

The pool is easily accessible on the 30 bus. It’s on Jackson Street, just west of Metro Market.

Pay rate is $16.00/hour but a pay raise is under discussion with management.
If you need to get certified, we will pay for your class.

Please contact Dr. Burant ASAP for more information!

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