IHM Center for Literacy

Orientation & Requirements: IHM Center for Literacy policies require 1 clearance to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Record Check, More information on how to complete this clearance is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.

Mission Statement: The mission of the IHM Center for Literacy is to teach English Language skills to multi-ethnic, non-English speaking adult immigrants and thus enable them to integrate more comfortably and confidently into American life.

The learning environment of the IHM Center for Literacy is characterized by the following: Reverence and Respect; Excellence and Achievement; Hospitality and Inclusivity.

Student Role in Agency:

- Assist teachers in classroom
- Work one on one or in small groups with learners
- Work on computer with basic skills, DVD from student books, games
- Freedom to use initiative to help in ways not specified

Features of Agency:

- Work with over 40 different nationalities
- Curriculum geared toward skills outside the classroom—citizenship, GED, financial responsibility, job applications, empower learners through reducing both language and culture barrier

Orientation: Provided by Director at first time of service