

## Description of Responsibilities and Expectations for Conference Assistant 2025

The Conference Assistant position is a temporary summer position that involves a combination of various roles, duties, and responsibilities. You can be expected to act as concierge, resident assistant, housekeeper, moving crew, traffic director, office assistant, and whatever else might be required of you over the course of the summer. **Please be mindful that this job requires physical labor and can be labor-intensive.** Conference Assistants are the front-line ambassadors who welcome our guests to campus. Their chief function is to aid our guests and create a safe and enjoyable stay. We strive to meet/exceed our guests' expectations. Oftentimes, you will be the first and last impression a group will have of their time at Eastern. You are our representatives of Eastern Universities' Hospitality Ministry. *This is a seasonal position and does not include any benefits*.

### • Position Summary:

The Conference Season is roughly divided into three parts:

- i. <u>Commencement & Pre-Season</u> This is a week long period before guests start arriving; this time is used to prepare the campus for conference use, including campus walk-throughs, moving furniture, setting linens, etc. A tentative schedule is below:
  - Thursday, May 1, 2025: Meet and Greet with the full team and HR onboarding
  - Thursday, May 8, 2025: Commencement Prep Meeting
  - Friday, May 9, 2025: Facilitate Commencement Day 1
  - Saturday, May 10, 2025, Facilitate Commencement Day 2
  - Monday, May 12- Wednesday, May 15, 2025: Training, preparing the campus to welcome guests to campus, and managing field clients
- ii. <u>Conference Season</u> This is the duration of the summer when guests are on campus beginning May 15, 2025 and ending the first week of August 2025. We are open Sunday Sunday, 24/7, including holidays. During this time, we meet the clients' daily needs and help make their stay as pleasant as possible. We will also be assisting the University in preparing for the coming school year. This entails, but is not limited to, assisting other departments in coordinating projects and helping wherever possible.
- iii. <u>Post-Season</u> This will begin the week of August 1, 2025 and continue through August 15, 2025. This is the time when we prepare the campus to welcome students return for the fall semester. This includes storing all summer supplies, taking down instructional signs, moving furniture, damage checks, final work orders, and supporting Plant Operations. Fall commitments will determine seasonal employment end date.

## Responsibilities Include:

- i. Setting up meeting rooms (tables & chairs etc.)
- ii. Setting up sleeping rooms, linens, damage checks, emergency information
- iii. Managing field clients: greeting, parking lot attending, moving goals
- iv. Facilitate registration and check out of guests as assigned
- v. Participate in a rotating on-call schedule for 24-hour availability of top-notch customer service
- vi. Perform labor-intensive jobs such as taking apart and moving furniture
- vii. Facility Audits: assessing state of furniture, building interiors, etc.
- viii. Assist with crisis intervention/emergency situations should they arise
- ix. Attend all orientation, training sessions, and weekly staff meetings
- x. Interact with all conference planners, group representatives, conference guests, and service providers in a respectful and professional manner
- xi. Maintain high-quality, seamless, exceptional service for clients, and initiate conversation to ensure that their needs are being met while on Eastern's campus
- xii. Live on campus in provided housing, and be available for all scheduled hours, including weekends & holidays. You must maintain a minimum of 35 hours of work per week (typical week is scheduled at 40 hours)
- xiii. Express to clients internal and external, as well as to the larger community, the Hospitality Ministry that is Conference Services and Special Events
- xiv. Assist other departments and the University as we prepare for the Fall semester

### • Qualities Include:

- i. Servant Leadership committed to the Hospitality Ministry of Eastern University
- ii. Strong commitment to customer service
- iii. Attention to detail
- iv. Willingness to do manual work
- v. Strong communication and team-work skills
- vi. Flexibility especially when it comes to non-traditional work hours (weekends, holidays, and 24-hour on-call shift)
- vii. Continual availability from May 9, 2025 August 8, 2025 (tentative) with additional post-season employment available at the discretion of the Executive Director
- viii. Limited outside commitments, this job is the primary summer commitment
- ix. Currently live on campus with the intention of living on campus in the Fall (preferred, but not required)
- x. Ability to work well with others and follow directions, even in times of stress
- xi. Ability to lift 25 lbs. and climb a ladder (at the same time)

### • Job Incentives:

A dynamic team atmosphere

On-Campus Housing

Name (Last, First, MI)

- Full meal plan in the dining commons
- Hourly pay with opportunities for overtime
- Rewarding personal and professional growth experiences

CONFERENCE ASSISTANT (CA) APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
If you need help filling out this Application for Employment, please contact Conference Services. Eastern University does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, handicap, marital status, or any other applicable legally protected category. Eastern University is an equalopportunity employer. No questions on this Application are intended to secure information to be used for any discrimination prohibited by applicable law.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Student ID Number

Home Address –Street			Cell Phone			
City/ State/ Zip			E-Mail			
Do you currently live on campus?			Employment Dates Satisfactory? Y / N			
Do you plan on living on campus in the Fall?			When do you expect to Graduate?			
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Are you willing to work	SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, and	HOLIDAYS	? □ YI	ES	□NO	
Are you willing to work OVERTIME?			□ YES □ NO			
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What other positions ha	ve you held at Eastern University?	?				
Do you have a driver's l	license?		□ YES □ NO			
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Are you currently employed? ☐ YES ☐ NO			May we call your present employer? $\square$ YES $\square$ NO			

### **REFERENCES**

Please include at least one Eastern University Faculty/Staff member

Name of Reference	Relationship	Relationship		
Title	Company			
Phone Number	Email Address	Email Address		
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## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

# Please submit an additional sheet of typed, concise responses to the following questions.

- 1. In what ways can you use your strengths to perform the responsibilities of a CA?
- 2. Please complete this statement: "In an emergency situation, my best attribute is \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3. What does the phrase "hospitality ministry" mean to you?
- 4. Why do you want to work for the Conferences department this summer?
- 5. Please list the days and times that are most convenient for you to have an interview.

## **STATEMENT**

Eastern University is a drug-free workplace. I understand that the use, possession, distribution, purchase or sale of illegal drugs and the illegal use of drugs is prohibited during employment by Eastern University. I also understand that the use of alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs while at work is also prohibited.

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DATE:	APPLICANT'S NAME: (print)
	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:
RELEASE	AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHECK APLICANTS CREDENTIALS
limited to, discussions with presen	perform all checks of my credentials and background as allowed by law, including, but not and/or former supervisors, co-workers, friends, business associations, Student luals that Eastern University, in its sole discretion, believes may have relevant information syment.
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DATE:	APPLICANT'S NAME: (print)
	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:



Conferences

(610) 341-5902

Thank you for applying, we look forward to meeting you.

\*\*Please return to the Conference Office in-person, or scan and email. The Conference Office is the Gym Cottage (the stone building located at the entrance of the Gym parking lot).\*\*

We will be scheduling interviews as we receive applications. Final due date for application is:

March 21, 2025

Don't Wait Apply Now!

For questions, please contact Marcus T. Williams at (610) 341-5999 or marcus.williams@eastern.edu.