

# Job Description for PATCH La Crosse Teen Educators

PAID (\$\$\$) Position for High School Students in La Crosse, WI



## WHAT IS PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. Our mission is to improve adolescent health alongside and in true partnership with youth, like you! We envision a world in which all young people are healthy, connected and thriving, and we work toward that goal in all our programming.

## WHAT'S THE PATCH TEEN EDUCATOR PROGRAM?

At PATCH we want all youth to get the high-quality, youth-friendly health care they need and deserve. We know that being able to have open, honest, safe and supported conversations with trusted health professionals is a key part of getting that care – but for many, this isn't the case! That's why the Teen Educator Program exists. We want to make sure **YOUR** voice is included in conversations about what teens want and need in health care.

Each year, we hire a team of 10-12 PATCH Teen Educators who:

- 1) Are **EMPLOYED** with our program. We value your voice, your stories, and your willingness to let others learn from your insight and expertise. You will earn \$15 per hour for this important work.
- 2) Are **EDUCATED** through in-person Training and Enrichment Meetings. Together, we will explore a wide variety of adolescent health topics, learn from expert guest speakers, and consider how we can use our knowledge to create change for our peers.
- 3) Are **EMPOWERED** to help improve adolescent health by facilitating two in-person workshops in our community. In the PATCH for Providers Workshop, you will help health care professionals learn how to better serve their teen patients. In the PATCH for Teens: Peer-to-Peer Workshop, you will empower other teens to start to manage their own health and health care. You will be encouraged to share your own stories and experiences in both workshops.

For more information about the PATCH Teen Educator Program, please visit [www.wipatch.org](http://www.wipatch.org) or follow @wisconsinpatchprogram on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn for updates and reminders.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- You must be 14-18 years old at Teen Educator Training in August 2025
- You must be in high school (or high school equivalent) during the 2025/2026 school year
- You must live in La Crosse County or the surrounding areas
- You must enjoy being part of a team and working with others who are different from you
- You must be open-minded and willing to learn
- You must be passionate about ensuring ALL youth get the health care they need and deserve!

## EXPECTATIONS

- Arrive on time and ready to participate in all in-person meetings and events
- Demonstrate responsible and reliable communication including checking email at least once per day
- Maintain a strong relationship with your PATCH Coordinator including consistent communication
- Act as a PATCH representative at various community events and conferences
- Be a reliable source of information for other teens

## **VISIT [WWW.WIPATCH.ORG](http://WWW.WIPATCH.ORG) TO APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**

Applications must be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Aubrey Stetter-Hesselberg, PATCH La Crosse Site Coordinator at (608) 291-9784 or [lacrosse@wipatch.org](mailto:lacrosse@wipatch.org)

### **REQUIREMENTS**

As a Teen Educator, you will be required to:

- Commit to a 9-month program from August 2025-May 2026.
- Attend and fully participate in a five-day Teen Educator Training. Our 20-hour training (4 hours each day) is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> in La Crosse, WI.
- Attend and fully participate in two 2-hour Enrichment Meetings each month. Our meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm in La Crosse, WI.
- Lead a minimum of four workshops throughout our community for health care professionals and other teens (at various dates and times that work with your schedule).

Most Teen Educators work between 4-10 hours each month. The amount of time spent on PATCH each week will depend upon what events you sign up for.

### **WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM PATCH?**

You will gain valuable leadership and advocacy experience, become more familiar with important health topics that impact teens, develop communication and presentation skills, and so much more! Being a PATCH Teen Educator is an impressive accomplishment to include on college applications and job resumes.

You will also be paid for your time. You will receive \$125 upon full completion of the 20-hour Teen Educator Training and \$15/hour for attending enrichment meetings and leading workshops. The total amount you will receive each month will vary based on the number of events you attend and hours you work (likely between \$30-\$150/month).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Applications Due by 11:59 PM

July 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> In-Person Interviews

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Teen Educator Training Dates (ALL Required)

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Visit [www.wipatch.org/workwithus](http://www.wipatch.org/workwithus) to complete the online application by Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Application questions can be answered in written format or via video or audio responses.



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