The Area Agency on Aging (AAA)  
Allegheny County Department of Human Services

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is made up of staff members and contractors who work daily to ensure the agency’s various units are fulfilling their mission to support older adults in Allegheny County. While working in this challenging and fast-paced environment, AAA staff members routinely perform many of the tasks listed below. Additionally, interns at the AAA have an opportunity to perform or assist in many of these tasks as well.

- Conducting clinical assessments of older adults in their homes, hospitals and nursing facilities
- Work in evidence based programs and interventions
- Assisting the Older Adult Protective Services unit in conducting investigations into reports of elderly elder abuse or neglect
- Evaluating AAA programs and processes
- Answering questions and providing resources to older adults, caregivers and professionals on the via AAA’s Seniorline
- Increasing knowledge while participating in professional trainings attend professional training to increase knowledge
- Researching and informing older adults and caregivers about resources available to them during home visits
- Assisting older adults returning home from a nursing facility
- Ensuring older adults receive needed services to remain safe and independent in their homes
- Coaching older adults to improve their health and wellness

An internship at the AAA provides you the opportunity to directly assist older adults in need. It will also provide you with the opportunity to increase both your skills through numerous professional trainings and your knowledge of available resources for older adults. Additionally, an internship with the AAA will provide you with the opportunity to make connections with staff and managers at the AAA, provider agencies, hospitals, nursing facilities and other social service organizations.