

Academic Counselor

*Minimum Qualification: Bachelor's degree and 2 years of experience in counseling or social work

Similar to a boarding school counselor, the academic counselor at a CTY residential site provides short-term, goal-focused counseling services, and supports the site staff in meeting the social, emotional, and educational needs of all students. The academic counselor observes classes, visits residence halls, participates in student activities, facilitates workshops for students and staff, and maintains regular office hours. This position is often a point of contact for families, and assists in coordinating efforts to accommodate students with disabilities and special needs. The academic counselor works days, nights, and weekends, being on call 24 hours a day throughout the program. The academic counselor may take 1-2 days off per session, to be approved by the site director. Due to the residential nature of the program, the academic counselor must remain on campus on all weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays).

Sample Daily Schedule

Here's what a day in the life of an Academic Counselor looks like. Exact schedules will vary from site to site.

Morning

- Attend breakfast and talk to students and staff before class begins
- Attend the Resident Assistants' meeting to listen and offer support
- Visit classes
- Complete paperwork
- Attend the daily administrative team meeting

Afternoon

- Have lunch and take a break
- Visit classes and/or afternoon activities
- Talk to students and/or staff about any issues

Evening

- Have dinner and take a short break
- Visit study hall and/or evening activities