

Forge Counselor (Men)

Gateway Mission

Gateway Mission serves as a first step toward a new life for homeless men, women, and children across West Michigan.

We provide emergency services and long-term discipleship programs that offer help and lasting hope. This Christ-centered care helps our neighbors overcome the root issues of poverty, addiction, and homelessness so they can rebuild their lives, from the inside out. Our desire is to help every person who walks through our doors experience lasting transformation . . . From broken to beautiful. From lost to loved. From hopeless to hopeful.

Gateway Mission is committed to seeing lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ. It takes a team of dedicated men and women who have been called by Christ to accomplish this mission.

Gateway Forge Program

The Gateway Forge program is a 40-week residential program for men and women that is purposefully designed to be a **path out of homelessness**, resolving their invisible poverty and into freedom and independence. The program is specifically for those who struggle with destructive life barriers such as drug and alcohol abuse, past criminal history, or continued occupational and housing barriers. Through a combination of classes with trauma informed and evidence-based curriculum, Biblical counseling, and real-life work training, certifications and experience, the Forge program provides the opportunity for men and women to proceed on a path to long lasting Christ-centered transformation.

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The Forge Counselor (Men) role guides students in their spiritual growth and formation by teaching biblical truths, helping them build a strong identity in Christ, and inspiring hope for their future through Christ-centered guidance and support.

The ideal candidate has:

Education & Experience:

- Minimum bachelor's degree in biblical counseling/certification
- Minimum of 1-3 years ministry or related experience preferred

- Experience/knowledge of helping individuals who struggle with addiction issues and their need for accountability
- Experience/knowledge connecting/teaching Biblical concepts and how to apply to everyday life (Biblical relevancy)
- Experience/knowledge of homelessness culture preferred
- Experience/knowledge of what God is doing through the ministry of Rescue Missions preferred

Skills & Abilities:

- Ability to organize and communicate effectively – written, verbal and electronic communication
- Ability to empathize and set appropriate boundaries
- Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office 365, Outlook, data entry)
- Ability to obtain chauffeur's license to assist with transportation needs required

Physical Requirements:

- Stand, sit, walk regularly; lift occasionally to perform job functions
- Manipulate, handle, feel, and control items or equipment
- Read, write, and interpret written documents
- Lift and move objects weighing up to 35 pounds
- No adverse environmental conditions expected

Personal Characteristics:

Fulfill all aspects of position job description according to the biblical principles and philosophy of ministry as defined by the Gateway Mission Statement of Faith, Principles of Influence/Qualifications for Employment, and Mission/Vision/Values profile.

To Apply:

For a complete job description or to apply with resume/cover letter email HR@hopefoundhere.org For a full list of open positions visit [Careers - Hope Found Here](#). Phone inquiries may be directed to **Deb Vogel** at **616.396.2200**. Accepting resumes on through **February 14, 2025**.

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