

Madelynn Nutter
(513)713-7349 | mn830117@ohio.edu

Danielle Craig
VP of Communications & Education
Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio
2314 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Dear Ms. Craig:

Last year, I remember feeling my heart pounding in my chest as I approached the room where I would teach my first sexual health program. I was a sophomore in college, newly certified as a peer health educator through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and about to present to a room full of health care professionals. Despite their extensive medical expertise, I was the expert in the room on this topic: how to talk to their patients about sex.

While I was initially a bit intimidated by my audience, any nervousness I had quickly faded away when I began speaking about sex education, one of my deepest passions. Speaking on taboo topics such as sexuality has always been a comfort zone for me, and I find my comfortability easily transfers to my audiences. The medical professionals whose faces were bright red at the first mention of sex were soon transformed into an enthusiastic group unabashedly shouting out the erogenous zones of the body for our final activity.

I have now taught lessons on several different health topics since my first program, facilitating presentations on consent, healthy relationships, alcohol and drug safety, contraceptives, reproductive health and sex. A large part of program facilitation is designing presentations and tailoring resource materials to an audience, and my experience in this aspect of education is what I believe uniquely prepares me for this health education internship.

As a strategic communication student in the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism who is pursuing a specialization in women's, gender and sexuality studies, I am very passionate about connecting with people to find the best methods of conveying messages. My proficiency in this skill has only had to improve amidst the challenges of Covid-19, as I maintain my current social media internship and conduct peer health education online via Instagram, Twitter, Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

What draws me to Planned Parenthood is their commitment to providing accessible, inclusive reproductive health care and sex education, which I have learned firsthand as the vice president of Generation Action at Ohio University. I have had the pleasure of volunteering with Planned Parenthood at STI testing events and utilizing their online educational resources to aid in programs on women's health and contraception.

I am very excited to be applying to this internship and would love to work with the organization that I have devoted so much of my time learning from and supporting. I look forward to hearing back from you and further discussing this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Madelynn Nutter

