**Job Description: School Counselor Intern**

ACE Charter School, a small charter middle school of 5th thru 8th grade, and starting in the fall of 2012 a high school of 9th graders, in East San Jose which propels previously low- achieving students to academic proficiency and college ambition, is seeking school counselor interns for the 2012--‐ 2013 academic year.

ACE Charter School is located in the Mayfair neighborhood of East San Jose, one of the poorest and academically lowest-performing in the city. The school’s mission is to recruit its target students, who enter the school scoring Far Below Basic or Below Basic on the California Standards Tests, and provide them with the demanding yet supportive school culture, high--‐quality instruction, and personal relationships they need to be prepared to achieve success in high school and beyond.

**Grow, Everyone, Every Day**

ACE is fundamentally committed to capitalizing on the flexibility of its charter model to build and nurture a school culture built on the shared values of respect, pride, and *Ganas,* as well as implement an exceptional academic program that provides a balance between a rigorous core curriculum, tailored intervention and support classes (including tutoring and on-line courses), and a rich array of arts, sports, and other engaging elective courses.

Our goal at ACE for everyone—staff, students, and families—is summarized in our motto: “Grow, Everyone, Every Day.” Personnel at ACE have the combination of ambition, dedication, and willingness to learn so that they can continually grow in their efforts to help students turn their academic trajectory toward success. ACE personnel thrive in a fast‐paced setting with high levels of accountability, and demonstrate flexibility, creativity and persistence. We need people committed to the near‐term goal of getting every student to grow every day as well as building a strong foundation for all future ACE schools.

**School Snapshot: Success to Date**

ACE is a vibrant neighborhood school for kids who have traditionally found little success in the classroom. All school programs and structures, starting with the schoolwide culture and customs, the core curriculum, and the array of remedial and enrichment opportunities that the school offers, are tailored to the needs of future first-generation college students who come from low-income, non-English speaking families, and who enter the school at least two years below grade level.

In its first few years of existence, ACE students have reached some impressive milestones. In

2010, ACE’s Academic Performance Index score jumped 127 points, the second-highest year‐to-year jump in the state, and in 2011, ACE’s first class of 8th Graders, almost all low-income Latino students, outperformed White 8th Graders from San Jose Unified School District in Algebra. There is a great deal of community grassroots support for the school—ACE families were instrumental in the campaign to secure the land and financing for the permanent site, which will open in fall of 2012.

**Key Responsibilities**

School Counselor Intern, under the supervision of John Tweten, will work closely with the Director of Student Services to identify students who may benefit from counseling services.

The full scope of work will be determined by John Tweten.

If you have any questions about the school, please feel free to contact the Director of Student Services, Rosie Bravo at 408-624-0171.