

# Joe Kowalczyk



Last summer, I had the pleasure and fortune of completing a practicum with the Office of Student Life at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. While I was there, I worked with two of the full-time staff members, Kyle Carpenter and Stephanie Muehlethaler, on various projects, including summer orientation, fall orientation leader training, and resident assistant training. My practicum offered so much more than this however. Faculty and staff members at Franklin College educate students from all around the globe with students coming from six continents. While I was there, I was immersed in differing cultural exchanges, intercultural communication styles, and ethical and religious principles. These elements gave me the opportunity to view orientation and residence life through a different lens. Additionally, while I was in Switzerland, I was able to enjoy the beauty and culture of the area and several of the surrounding countries, including Italy, France, and the Czech Republic. All in all, I was thrilled to complete this practicum. I couldn't have asked for a better experience.