

Service-Learning Internship I (40:834:430) [4 credits 150 Hours]

Course Description

Service-learning Internship I is designed to provide students field experiences with community agencies to link academic work with meaningful community service that will benefit both the agency and the student. Agencies will benefit with the infusion of enthusiastic students to assist in the delivery of services to their clients and students will develop a deeper understanding of their role as leaders in their communities as well as increase their civic and citizenship skills.

“An internship is any carefully monitored work or service experience in which an individual has intentional learning goals and reflects actively on what he or she is learning throughout the experience.” –National Society for Experiential Education

Learning Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Gain practical experience in public and nonprofit administration.
- Improve their interpersonal and communications skills.
- Expand their professional networks.

Requirements

Requirements will vary by instructor and may include:

- Class sessions and discussions: Students will actively engage in class discussions, based on required readings.
- Student participation will be judged on involvement in Discussion Boards, exercises, and cases. Participation must be relevant to the topics, demonstrate evidence of critical thinking, and help to expand new ideas, factual information, or resources.

Schedule / Outline of Topics

- Week 1: Introduction and Overview
- Week 2: Getting to know your site
- Week 3: Internship Journaling
- Week 4: Internships and Networking
- Week 5: Internship Responsibilities and Resume
- Week 6: Progress Report
- Week 7: Midterm Performance Evaluation
- Week 8: Meeting with Instructor
- Week 9: From Internship to Job Opportunity
- Week 11: Mentoring / Interview Session with Site Supervisor
- Week 12: Intern Spotlight
- Week 13: Final Reflective Paper
- Week 14: Final Performance Evaluation

Texts / Materials / Resources

The selection of textbooks and readings will vary by instructor. Listed below are some of the possible textbooks, materials, and resources an instructor may select for this course:

- The Successful Internship: Transformation and Empowerment in Experiential Learning (2nd ed). Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole-Thompson. ISBN 978-0534558796

*This is a sample syllabus. Students should always obtain syllabi for their current courses from their professors.
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Other Resources

Website: Rutgers Newark Career Resources and Exploration

URL: <https://careers.newark.rutgers.edu/>

Website: Rutgers Newark Handshake

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