

Career Services

Experiential learning guide



DeVry University prides itself on highlighting experiential learning opportunities where our students and alumni can apply what they've learned in the classroom to a professional setting, develop new skills, gain knowledge and network with other professionals. Explore different avenues to gain experience in your career field!

Experiential Learning Opportunities



Apprenticeships

An industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential. Explore additional information here:

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/career-seekers>.



Co-Op (Cooperative Education)

This is a program that gives students the ability to balance classroom learning with practical hands-on experience aligned with their field of study.



Externships

Shadow industry professionals and observe daily duties to gain practical experience provided by partnerships between universities and employer partners.



Federal Work Study (FWS) Program

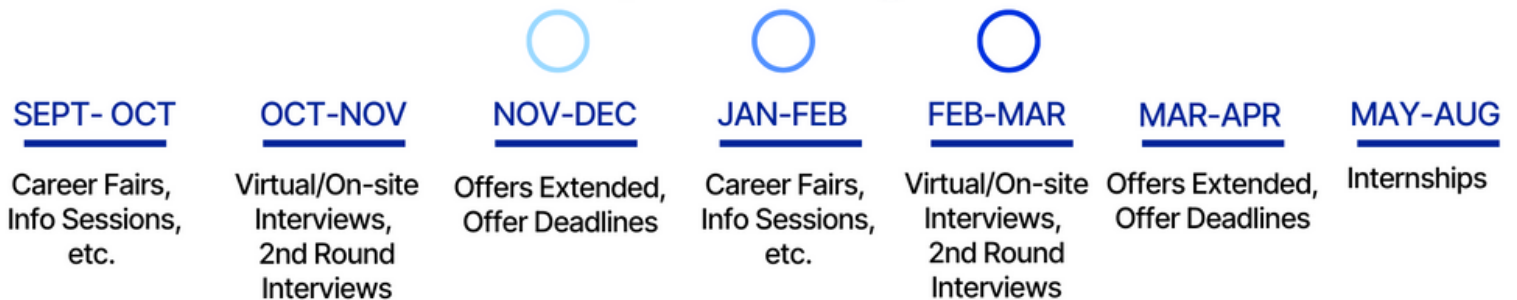
Part-time employment opportunities for undergraduate & graduate students to assist with education expenses, earn work experience and encourage participation in community service activities. DeVry University and community service jobs may be available. Contact your Student Support Advisor for more information and visit our DeVry Careers page at

<https://www.devry.edu/about/careers-at-devry.html>.

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Internship Recruiting Timeline



Internships

This is an on-the-job work experience with an organization that can be paid, unpaid or for course credit. Internships can be full-time or part-time for a pre-determined length of time.



Job Shadowing

Spend a few hours, an entire day or multiple days observing another colleague to learn about their daily activities and how they spend their time. These observations can help you determine if the responsibilities may be something that interest you.



Job Simulations

Self-paced modules available through an online platform that hosts complimentary virtual experiences designed and delivered by leading companies. These modules simulate work undertaken during a traditional internship or graduate program to give students the ability to develop skills and gain a real understanding of work in practice.

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Micro-Internships

This is a newer term related to short-term work projects designed to give students the ability to complete important projects within a professional setting related to their degree.



Other Opportunities

Contract Work

Employment opportunity to gain experience that involves specific projects or services for a pre-determined amount of time with a company, though does not usually include benefits

Part-Time Jobs

Allows you to gain industry exposure and acquire experience in your field of study.



Practicums

Typically, these experiences are aligned with a specific college level course. Practicums require a substantial number of hours of professional practice time in an approved external healthcare setting.



Stretch Assignments

Seek assignments in other areas/departments within your company to take on additional responsibility, partner with other colleagues/departments to add value and learn something new.



Volunteering

Gain experience by donating your time to serve the community either individually or as a group/team.

Featured Resources

- Micro-Internships with [Parker Dewey](#)
- Job Simulations through [Forage](#)
- [WayUp Platform](#) for Early Career Candidates