**HUSV 493: Internship**

The internship is a practical hands-on experience intended to create a bridge between academic and career settings. Students will work in a voluntary capacity at an agency/business acquiring professional skills, knowledge, standards, behaviors, and conduct within the field of human services. Students are supervised by a faculty member and mentored by a field supervisor and are expected to attend a weekly online seminar to discuss their experiences and observations. Students will present a formal report of their internship experience to CAST faculty, peers, and their site supervisor.

## Internship Objectives

The internship is a cooperative effort undertaken by various community agencies, CAST, the Human Services program, and you, in fulfilling the following objectives:

1. Provide opportunity to establish competencies for a professional career in human services.
2. Develop transferrable skills that are beneficial in a professional setting.
3. Provide active participation and understanding of the nature of human services.
4. Apply human services classroom knowledge to a wide variety of human services community and work environments. This may include the design, implementation, and/or evaluation of projects that benefit the host agencies.
5. Provide opportunity for students to build relationships with Human service professionals within the community
6. Offer opportunity for students to observe the competencies, skills, and responsibilities of professionals at the host agencies.
7. Challenge students to evaluate their personal attitudes and approaches to working with professionals, host agencies, and the communities served.
8. Encourage students to reflect and expand their own competencies and professional abilities.
9. Enable students to identify the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed for their chosen career, and to identify the benefits of advanced education and life-long learning.

**Pre-requisites**

Must have been accepted into the human services major, have completed HUSV 301 and HUSV 326 with grades of C or better, completed the internship Work Plan, and have received the approval of the Human Services program director to enroll in HUSV 493

**A 3-credit internship requires:**

* Successful completion of 135 hours of fieldwork during the semester
* *Weekly field hours may be flexible, however on average, you should aim to complete 9 hours of work per week for 15 weeks*
* Weekly input to the D2L site
* Completion of professional development modules
* Establishment of a self-care plan

View Internship Possibilities

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Responsibilities

Academic Deliverables

Internship Work Plan

Internship Learning Domains

Requirements

Internship Process