

Academic Internship Program

Group Internship Fact Sheet

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What Is A Group Internship?

It is an opportunity for a group of students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to learn about a variety of specialty areas within a general career field. The group meets weekly at different locations. Most group internships do not allow for hands-on training but do allow students to decide in which area they might like to complete a one-on-one internship in the future. Groups meet one day per week usually from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM with the exception of the spring medical group that meets from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Who Is Eligible?

Second semester sophomores, all junior and all seniors are eligible to participate. **Students must have reliable transportation to and from the group internship sites each week.**

When Do Group Internships Take Place?

Fall Groups – 13 sessions – September through December

Spring Groups – 13 sessions – January through April

Sessions are not scheduled on school holidays, teacher workdays or on days that inclement weather causes the cancellation of school or afternoon activities. Occasionally sessions will be on a different day of the week due to conflicts with the school calendar.

What Are the Fall Group Internships?



Law (Tuesdays) Students will hear from judges, prosecutors and attorneys from a variety of specialty areas and other professionals involved in the legal process. Students are required to complete three hours of courtroom observations and summarize their experience. Students will also view a movie on the legal process and write a comparison paper of the legal issues and processes in the movie. At the last session students will make a five minute presentation about their experiences. Areas typically covered in the law group include civil, family, criminal, corporate, education, juvenile and civil rights law.

What Are the Spring Group Internships?



Engineering (Tuesdays) Students learn about the various areas in the engineering field. The areas of civil, mechanical, electrical, computer, biomedical and structural engineering are the focus of this group internship. Students must read and summarize engineering-related articles and complete a short paper on one type of engineering. Companies that have participated in the past include BellSouth, Rea Contracting, Cameron Applied Research Center at UNCC, Duke Energy, Shook Kelley and Carolinas Medical Center.



Medical (Thursdays) There are a multitude of careers in the medical field. Students may hear from a plastic surgeon, dermatologist, physical therapist, pathologist, radiologist, child life specialist, OB-GYN, anesthetist, nurses and other medical professionals in a variety of specialty areas. Students must read and summarize six articles related to medicine and complete a short position paper on a controversial topic in the medical field.

How Are Students Evaluated?

Successful completion of assignments, on-time arrival at each session and attendance will determine the final grade.

What If A Session Is Missed?

There are make-up assignments available when a student is absent. The make-up provision may only be used twice.

How Does A Student Apply?

Students may obtain an application from the internship coordinator, Guidance Counselor or from the school liaison. Space is limited to the first 12 - 16 students who turn in a completed application to their coordinator.