

Department of Health Sciences Internship Program



INTERNSHIP PREREQUISITES

- Pathophysiology I (HSC 4555) and/or Pathophysiology II (HSC 4558)
- Applied Health Research Methodology (HSC 4730) - required for research-focused internships only
- Junior or Senior Standing
- UCF Overall GPA 3.0 or higher

APPLICATIONS OPEN FROM:

- Feb. 1-15 for Summer Semester
- May 1-15 for Fall Semester
- Oct. 1-15 for Spring Semester

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Partnering with healthcare facilities, community organizations and research entities, we provide students with an opportunity to experience the work environment in health-related careers.

WHAT IS AN INTERNSHIP?

An internship is a hands-on experience in which a student can explore career options, draw conclusions between their academic knowledge and practice and network with professionals in their field of interest. These experiences, which occur in healthcare facilities, community organizations and research entities, are developed in partnership with the UCF Department of Health Sciences Internship Program. While participating in an internship, students engage in direct, learner-centered activities outside the traditional academic classroom. Internship experiences enrich the learning process and create opportunities for students to gain valuable insights into their field of choice.

BENEFITS OF AN INTERNSHIP

- Explore your field or profession of choice directly.
- Extend your knowledge and understanding of healthcare settings and/or medical/health-related research.
- Obtain valuable work experience, setting you apart from other candidates.
- Develop and refine your communication skills.
- Network with professionals in your field of study.
- Gain confidence.
- Acquire university credit (3 credit hours).

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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"MY INTERNSHIP HOURS DEFINITELY LIT A FIRE IN MY HEART FOR HAVING THIS PASSION TO HELP PEOPLE."

- ASPIRING PHYSICIAN

"BEFORE MY EXPERIENCE... I THOUGHT ABOUT SPECIALIZING IN SPORTS AND ORTHOPEDIC THERAPY. THIS INTERNSHIP HAS TAUGHT ME THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY THE CAREER PATH I WANT TO TAKE."

- ASPIRING PHYSICAL THERAPIST

"THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS GIVEN ME AN EVEN GREATER DEAL OF RESPECT FOR, NOT ONLY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, BUT CAREGIVERS AS WELL. THE HEALTHCARE FIELD IS NOT A ONE-MAN SPORT, IT IS A TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS THAT COME TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS."

- ASPIRING PHYSICIAN

"I HAVE LEARNED BOTH THE PROS AND CONS OF THE FIELD AND HAVE GAINED A NEW OUTLOOK ON WHAT IT MEANS TO TREAT OTHERS AS A CAREER."

- ASPIRING DENTIST

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit

chps.ucf.edu/healthsciences/bachelors/ to complete an internship application.

As part of the application process, students select the type of experience that best suits their needs and interests. The internship coordinator reviews all applications and matches students with internships aligned with the student's interests, skills and schedule. Internship placements are made to encourage personal growth and to achieve meaningful learning experiences.

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OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- **Clinical Shadowing** is often a requirement for applications to medical/health-related professional degree programs. This type of internship involves shadowing a specific medical professional, such as physicians, dentists, physical therapists and others. Students may observe health care professionals as they perform assessments and procedures, develop care plans, conduct patient care rounds and interdisciplinary discussions, and participate in other responsibilities.
- **Research** internships serve as an opportunity for students to participate in active medical research. Students may be involved in data collection, preparation for the start of a research study, data entry, writing about the research process or results, recruiting participants or other facets of the research process.
- **Community Outreach** experiences offer a wide range of opportunities. Students in this type of internship may provide general health education to underserved populations; assist with healthcare screenings; assist in creating and providing community health/wellness programs for children or adults; teach life skills or assist with educational programs for children, youth or adults with special needs; and many other community-based opportunities. When participating in community outreach, interns not only build their communication skills, but often report finding a much larger vision for their future.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

To participate in an internship, students must submit an application for consideration. Students are matched with internship opportunities based on their professional interests, skills and course schedule. Interns must complete between 80-120 hours at the assigned internship site to earn 3 credit hours. In addition to the internship, students complete course assignments to facilitate interactive learning. An online course, HSC 4943 - Health Sciences Internship, is part of this learner-centered experience.