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Internship Manual for

Athletic Training Students

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Your internship is an individually planned work experience in a business, agency, or program appropriate to your area of specialization, i.e. Athletic Training. This provides an opportunity to take the knowledge you have gained through your coursework and put it to practical use. It also offers a stepping-stone into the workforce by providing experiences not learned in the classroom.

KSS 4275, Internship, must be for 3-credit hours. A 3-credit hour internship requires that 120 clock hours be worked at the internship site.

Eligibility to complete KSS 4275 is admission to Athletic Training major, completion of KSS 3143 and KSS 3153, and permission of your academic advisor and the department chairperson. You will receive a grade of CR (credit) once all internship requirements are complete.

1. Finding an Internship

The process of looking for an internship is similar to that of looking for a job. You will want to have a resume completed so you can share it with prospective internship sites. The Career Services office at Eastern Illinois University has some helpful information on their website and will also review your resume and provide you with feedback. Check out their website at <http://www.eiu.edu/careers/resumes.php>. There is also an internship coordinator at Career Services who can assist you with your search.

The Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies maintains a listing of sites where other students have completed internships. It is not mandatory that you choose a site from this listing, but it can be a good place to start if you have no idea who to contact. The list can be found on the KSS Internship website. Keep your career goals in mind when thinking about an internship.

1. Enrollment in KSS 4275

There are several steps required prior to being enrolled in KSS 4275. Posted deadlines are strictly adhered to, and are established to meet EIU registration deadlines.

1. **Internship Information**. Internship instructions will be given to you by the director of the EIU Athletic Training program. Paperwork can also be requested from Mrs. Colleen Kattenbraker, Internship Coordinator.
2. **Internship Agreement**. This is a legal document among all parties of the internship (the student, the internship site, the KSS Department, and EIU) indicating the respective responsibilities of those parties.

**This document must be downloaded from the KSS Internship website, and must be TYPED. No exceptions**! Your site supervisor and you must sign and date the document before it is turned in the KSS Internship Coordinator (NO TYPED SIGNATURES).

Students do not enroll themselves into KSS 4275. You will be added to the class after all paperwork is submitted (Internship Agreement).

1. Internship Requirements

Students are expected to display appropriate, professional behavior at their internship site. This includes showing up on time, completing duties, and behaving in a professional manner. You may want to use your internship site supervisor as a reference for a future job, or perhaps a position will become available at your internship site, and how you complete your work and work with others at the internship can help or hinder your future. Remember that you are also representing EIU and the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies as well.

1. Weekly Log Information

Keep a **typed** log of the hours worked at the agency. Be sure to total up the hours for each week and keep track of your running total. The Internship Coordinator is not responsible for keeping track of your hours. Before you submit your logs, make sure they are signed by your internship site supervisor. **Submit your hour logs every week**. A Dropbox in D2L will be provided for each weekly submission.

Your work log should be kept in a table form (Word document or Excel spreadsheet) that includes a separate row for each day that you worked at the organization. A template will be provided on D2L. The log MUST be in a format similar to the following:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Hours Worked | Description of Work Activities |
| 1/15 | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | * Reviewed employer's policy manual. * Met co-workers. * Met with supervisor to discuss confidentiality requirements. |
| 1/16 | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | * Met with supervisor who assigned me a project comparing data for clients from November to December. * Reviewed files describing the training project. * Developed weight loss programs for four clients and met with them to discuss their progress. |
| 1/18 | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | * Obtained budget figures from files. * Obtained cost figures from Human Resources Director. * Created spread sheet and entered heart rates and blood pressures on all members of the morning exercise program. |
| Total Hours | 7 hours | Site Supervisor Signature: |

1. Evaluation

One evaluation is **required** to be submitted via Dropbox in D2L –

1. **Final** **Evaluation:** submitted once you have completed all of your internship hours.

This form is available on the KSS internship website and is to be completed by your site supervisor and discussed with you. Be appreciative of the good comments your supervisor has about you and receptive to any suggestions on how you can improve. This is your opportunity to learn more and gain even more valuable experience from the internship. **This document must be signed and dated** **by you and your site supervisor.**

1. Final Reflection Paper   
     
   The **Final Reflection Paper** should be written clearly in standard business English. You should proofread the report carefully and correct all spelling, typographical, or grammatical errors before submission. The report should be typed (Word document). Number each section of the report to correspond with the headings listed below. Papers should be submitted prior to the last class day of the semester, via Dropbox in D2L.

**Contents of the Final Internship Reflection Paper** (also available in D2L):

1. Overview of the Internship
   * This section should include information about responsibilities experienced during the internship, such as what course material from your degree program you found useful as an intern at your organization, etc. . .
2. Assessment of Personal and Professional Development
   * Describe how the internship has contributed to your personal development. What personal qualities have you discovered or enhanced during the internship? How do you anticipate that these qualities will affect you in the future?
   * Describe how the internship has contributed to your professional development. What have you learned about your working style and professional skills? In what ways do you anticipate these skills will help you in the future?
   * Discuss the personal qualities and professional skills that you feel you will need to develop before entering the workforce. Describe how you plan to develop them.
3. Other Issues
   * Discuss any other issues relating to your internship that are not addressed in other sections of this report.
4. Overall Evaluation
   * Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your internship.
   * Suggest changes that you would recommend that would have improved your learning experience.
   * Would you recommend a similar internship with this organization to another student? Why or why not?
5. Future Contact Information
   * Provide a home address, email address and/or phone number where you may be contacted at a later time. This contact information will only be used by the KSS Department as a follow-up to your internship experience (e.g. employment status, any further education/training, etc.).

**NOTE:** All necessary paperwork can be found on the KSS Internship website. This includes the *Internship Proposal Form*, *Internship Agreement Form*, *Final Evaluation Form*, and the *Final Reflection Paper Guidelines*. Once students are enrolled in KSS 4275, these documents will also be available in D2L.