

What is an Internship?



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Relevant experience in your field is one of the most important factors employers consider when making hiring decisions. By participating in internships, co-ops, externships and field placements, collectively referred to as experiential learning, you not only better your understanding of your future profession, but also increase your value to potential employers. SVSU and Career Services has an extensive network of organizational partners who seek students for co-ops and internships. These positions are often paid.

Since these organizations want to recruit students with a professional mindset, only students who have been accepted into the SVSU Cooperative Education/Internship program are permitted to apply through the Cardinal Career Network. The process, as described below, is designed to teach students how to be active job-seekers and best represent their skills and abilities to potential employers.

An internship is an experience with a definite time frame (e.g. four summer months), that can either be paid or unpaid, and can involve projects that vary in intensity based on the student's level of experience. Unlike co-op positions, the requirements for internships vary from employer to employer and by academic background. If you wish to participate in SVSU's internship program, you must meet certain requirements.

INTERNSHIP PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must have completed a minimum of 24 college level credit hours from SVSU or another accredited college or university.*
2. Must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
3. Must successfully complete a minimum 24 credit hours per school year (school year is counted in a combined total of credits earned from Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer semesters).
4. Must have at least one year of coursework remaining until graduation
5. Must fulfil any additional requirements set forth by the employer

*Exception: Freshmen whose high school co-op employer has requested the student to continue the co-op employment at SVSU are exempt from this requirement.

