

Process

Students select the number of units in which to enroll. The units earned are based on the number of hours worked and whether the intern position is paid or unpaid. The regular enrollment fee schedule pertains to the units selected.

Paid Internships

Required work hours within the term:

- 75 – 149 hours = 1 unit
- 150 – 224 hours = 2 units
- 225 – 299 hours = 3 units
- 300+ hours = 4 units

Unpaid Internships

Required work hours within the term:

- 60 – 119 hours = 1 unit
- 120 – 179 hours = 2 units
- 180 – 239 hours = 3 units
- 240+ hours = 4 units

Interns receive a letter-grade for the work performed during the internship. This grade is determined by the Internship Advisor.



Welcome to Cuyamaca's CWE Internships

Cuyamaca College offers students the opportunity to earn college credit through both classroom and on-the-job learning through its Cooperative Work Experience program. This program meets the demands of students and employers for internship experience and often results in an offer of employment to successful interns. Internships through Cuyamaca College are in compliance with California Title 5 regulations for accredited work experience. Taken together with prescribed academic studies, internships enable students to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to enter and advance in a chosen career.



Did You Know?

- ◇ Employers extend offers to more than 70% of their interns.
- ◇ An internship will help you transfer the skills you learn in the classroom to the workplace.
- ◇ A Cuyamaca Internship will help you gain real work experience and make valuable industry connections.

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Internships

Cooperative Work Experience



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Water & Wastewater Technology Internships through Cuyamaca College

As home to the oldest Water/Wastewater Technology program in California, Cuyamaca College is a leader in combining classroom and on-the-job instruction, offering college credit to student interns involved in Cooperative Work Experience (CWE), and forging partnerships with government and private water works providers. These partners engage Cuyamaca students as interns and – when the appropriate skills have been acquired, certified, and demonstrated – as full-time employees with competitive wages.

Whether we call students interns or trainees, the reality is they receive on-the-job training where they acquire the technical and interpersonal skills needed to perform the job. The experience enables students to advance in their chosen field as their proficiency improves.

What Is Cooperative Work Experience?

Cooperative Work Experience is a program that involves regularly scheduled on-the-job training for students, allowing them to put into practice the theories, methods, and principles they have been studying in the classroom. The supervised on-the-job training develops competence in men and women directly related to their educational and – essentially – occupational goals.

Vocational education has always meant more than academic mastery. The acquisition of applied skills and a familiarity with basic concepts are primary outcomes for a well-trained intern. A student's attitudes, values, interests, dependability, and motivations all mature and grow through Cooperative Work Experience. Finally, by participating in a program where academic preparation is integrated with practical work experience, students receive valuable insight into their potential career field.



Benefits

For Employers

- Provides an introduction to potential career employees.
- Creates a resource of trained personnel.
- Reduces the cost of employee turnover by increasing the pool of trained workers.
- Makes a unique contribution to the extension of the community's educational facilities.
- Opens opportunities to hire highly motivated students whose career objectives directly relate to the company's operations.

For Students

- Awards college credit for working in the career field related to his/her occupational goals.
- Nourishes sense of accomplishment.
- Provides an opportunity to explore different careers.
- Increases employability and earning power.
- Bridges the gap between classroom and work.
- Enhances his/her resume with real work experience.
- Increases his/her potential for advancement.
- Develops networking opportunities.



Student Requirements:

- Attend an orientation in person (dates and times to be posted in class schedule and website)
- Find an internship.
- Be currently enrolled in a Water/Wastewater Technology course at Cuyamaca College.
- Establish written learning objectives and goals.
- Submit signed time sheets each month, documenting hours worked.
- Work hours required over the 16-week semester.
- Write a two- to four-page (2 to 4) paper using critical thinking skills.
- Complete all intern hours and assignments during a single semester to earn credit.

