



INTERNSHIP CONCEPT FORM

Internships represent a wonderful and rare opportunity to design your own learning. Use this form wisely to begin to develop a powerful learning experience—one suited to your current academic abilities and experiences, your personal and educational interest, and your professional goals.

The most successful internships happen by design not by chance. Thoughtful academic preparation for an internship usually results in significant new and enhanced learning.

The purpose of this *Internship Concept Form* is to help you carefully, intelligently, and purposefully plan an internship that you'll enjoy and that will contribute meaningfully to your personal, intellectual, and professional development. Complete it before you contact your college internship supervisor about a site. Consider this concept form a first, rough draft of a future internship learning plan.

Name:	Date:
Expected date of graduation:	
Total earned credits:	
Semester and year of desired internship:	
Overall GPA:	
GPA in major:	

Internship Interest: What and Why: Imagine and describe the kind of internship experience you seek and why? How will it advance your career goals? (Be specific. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary).



Preliminary Learning Goals and Objectives: Compose at least 3-5 preliminary, draft statements that begin to define in specific terms the kinds of knowledge and skills or other outcomes related to your professional development you would expect to achieve through this internship (Be specific. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary).



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Connecting Classroom Learning with Your Field Work: Think about how to use your internship experience to extend and deepen current knowledge and skills you possess. Are there specific theories, concepts, or ideas you might further explore, analyze, and evaluate through direct application to experience? Similarly, are there specific skills and abilities you'd like to sharpen through field practice? Reflect on how you might apply current knowledge and skills to construct new understanding from your reflective and active engagement in experience (Be specific. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary).

Relevant Coursework: Briefly discuss courses you have completed or will be concurrently enrolled in during the field experience that prepare you for it. What relevant experience and skills will you bring to the internship?



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Possible Internship Sites: List at least three possible organizations that you believe would provide the kinds of learning and professional experiences you seek.