WTAMU Experiential Education Program
Summer 2012 Executive Summary

The Experiential Education program (formerly Cooperative Education) began in the spring of 1994. A Title VIII Department of Education grant started the program, and we placed the first students in the spring of 1994. Our vital statistics to date include:

- Monitored 2,208 individual placements to date (79 in Summer 2012)
- Placed 1,083 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2012 class – 3.38
- Average wage for paid internships for the Summer 2012 class - $13.44 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2012 class - $325,762
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - $8,344,243

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,942 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 163 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?

“I enjoyed the variety and ability to learn new things every day.”

Matt Poston
Accounting Major
City of Amarillo—Amarillo, TX

“The experience I got with dealing with people on a daily basis. It taught me how to handle problems with little worries and little stress.”

Miguel Benavides
Mass Comm / Broadcasting Major
Amarillo Sox—Amarillo, TX
“My employer has been extremely flexible with my school schedule. I have also enjoyed the real world experience I was able to acquire.”

“I liked gaining a valuable experience by being able to work on assignments that are realistic and useful for accountants.”

Emilee Cavaness  
Finance Major  
&  
Angelica Pallares  
Accounting Major

American Star Corporation—Amarillo, TX

“The people I met and the friendships developed were my favorite part of the College Program.”

Morgan Hysinger  
Education Major

Disney World—Orlando, FL
Internship Partners - Spring 2012

ADVANTA
Modern Science-Traditional Values

Amarillo SOX

American Cancer Society

American Star Energy and Minerals Corporation

American Star Corp.

ASARCO
Houlette & Garland

IBM Corporation

Jefferson National Laboratories

Johnson & Sheldon, P.C.

KAMR/KCIT/KCPN

KFDA/KTMO/KZBZ
Serv-Tech Laboratories

Skilled Trades

Congressman Mac Thornberry

United Way
Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2012

This semester 20 out of our 79 interns either graduated, took full-time positions while they finish their degree, went to graduate school, took a post-graduate internship, or are seeking full-time employment. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 14 (70%) have full-time jobs, 3 are still seeking (15%), 1 (.5%) isn’t actively seeking, 1 (.5%) took a post-graduate internship, and 1 (.5%) is pursuing graduate school.

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* Took Full-time position while they finish degree
Participating Employers

The full list of employers we have worked with are online at http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-emp-participating-employers.aspx

Summer 2012 Interns

20% (16) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment/Grad School
94% of these students have full-time positions
6% of these students are pursuing graduate school

23% (18) - Continuing Their Internship

4% (3) - Seeking Full-time Job

53% (42) Seeking Another Internship and/or Pursuing Degree
   Full-Time

Internships continue to be an effective way for students to gain major-related experience and in many cases, a professional position upon graduation!