

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 2007 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 1,476 individual placements to date (35 in Fall 2007)
- Placed 644 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2007 class – 3.38
- Average wage for the Fall 2007 class - \$14.09 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2007 class - \$133,933
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$5,068,614

To date in the 2007-08 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 543 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 92 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Selected Student Comments

“My internship was more than just applying what I learned at WT to my job. I gained valuable experience that has helped me grow as a person.”

*Carolyn Fanelli, Accounting Major
Intern at HRH Insurance*

“What I learned most about myself during this internship experience is that I do have the ability to be the type of manager that I want to be.”

*Cathy O’Neal, BAAS-Management Emphasis
Intern at Texas Instruments*

“I learned that I’m able to learn new skills and trades outside of my comfort zone”

*Aaron Harper, Engineering Technology Major
Intern at Continental Products of Texas*

“I really feel like I grew a lot this semester and I was able to learn a lot about myself. I have become more responsible and can manage my time better.”

*Russell Green, Marketing Major
Intern at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission*

“This experience allowed a depth of understanding of management concepts that simply cannot be taught in a classroom.”

*Matt Riemersma, BAAS-Management Emphasis
Intern at Texas Building & Procurement Commission*

Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2007

This semester 11 of our 30 interns graduated. Nine found full-time positions with their internship employer, 1 enrolled in seminary, and 1 is still seeking employment. Also, one student, who is still pursuing her MBA, accepted a full-time position with her intern employer.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Detten, Francis	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon	FT with Johnson & Sheldon
Fanelli, Carolyn	Accounting	HRH Insurance	FT with HRH Insurance
Howell, Missy	Accounting	Jack B. Kelley, Inc.	FT with Jack B. Kelley, Inc.
Jackson, Alisha	Accounting	Houlette & Garland P.C.	FT with Houlette & Garland P.C.
Landrum, Justin	Engineering	ASARCO	FT with ASARCO
Lowery, Valarie	MBA	B&W Pantex	FT with B&W Pantex
Medina, Gabriel	Accounting	Pendleton & Co. P.C.	Still seeking employment
Monroe, Keisha*	MBA	B&W Pantex	FT with B&W Pantex
O'Neal, Catherine	BAAS- Management	Texas Instruments	FT with Texas Instruments
Pedroza, Cesilia	Accounting	Brown, Graham & Co.	FT with Brown, Graham & Co.
Quicksall, Michael	Accounting	V.A. Medical Center	FT with V.A. Medical Center
Schrock, David	MBA	B&W Pantex	Attending seminary

* accepted a full-time position while continuing to pursue MBA

FALL 2007 INTERNS

31% graduated

- 81% of these students have full-time positions
- 9% of these students are pursuing further education
- 9% of these students are seeking full-time employment

54% are continuing their internship

15% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree full-time

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