

The Internship and Co-op Corner

Welcome back to Campus!

"Co-op Quotes"

"What was the most valuable aspect of your internship assignment this summer?"



Yoko Matsuura, Business Management Program, Mazda Corporation, (through Lingua Science)
"My experience at Mazda Corporation has opened my eyes to the realities of the business world. Through my internship, I am learning how engineering and business come together to produce a marketable, profitable product."



Jelani Parham, Computer Information Systems Program, Tekconnect Corporation
"This was my first experience in the computer field. Working in a job related to my studies was the most valuable part of my internship. It was a pleasure to go to work every day."

While some of you have been traveling, working, or relaxing away the summer, other OCC students have been busy earning academic credit and valuable experience through co-op and internship work assignments. This summer, co-ops and interns were employed on part-time and full-time work sites at advertising agencies, information technology companies, non-profit organizations, financial institutions, hospitals, retail establishments and other sites. These students realized the importance of gaining real world experience while still in school. Hands-on training



further develops knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

If you are wondering whether or not an internship/co-op work assignment can help you begin your career, consider the following advantages for students.

Student Benefits of Internship /Co-op Participation:

- Increases market ability

after graduation. Experience makes one more attractive to employers.

- Enables students to make informed career decisions while "testing" an employment opportunity in their field.
- Refines interpersonal and teamwork skills by meeting, working, and socializing with diverse groups of people.
- Offsets college expenses through money earned on the job, if a work assignment is paid.
- Earns academic credit and strengthens resume.
- Teaches valuable job search skills such as resume writing and interviewing techniques.
- Establishes professional contacts with employers.
- Develops confidence and self-esteem through "hands-on" training.

Disneyworld, Orlando, Florida Recruiting Event

Would you like to work, earn and learn in sunny Florida this winter? Students in a variety of academic disciplines can earn internship credit for working in positions including merchandising and hospitality. Recruiters from the Orlando resort will be at the Orchard Ridge campus on Wednesday, November 5, to interview interested candidates. Attendance at a one hour presentation to learn about the Disney Internship program is required if students want to interview with a recruiter later that day. The mandatory presentation begins at 12:00 (sharp!) in Building J, Room 303 of the OR campus. Come dressed in professional interviewing attire, and bring a resume if you have one prepared. Call 248.522.3699 to RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

Upcoming Events

*Call to reserve
a seat!*

Oakland Community College

Internship and Cooperative Education

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Internship & Cooperative Education Informational Meetings

If you are interested in participating in the I & C program, this meeting is your first step. Learn more about what is involved by attending a one hour session to learn prerequisites of participation, program requirements, and steps in the job search process. Learn how an internship/co-op assignment differs from other jobs, and how to earn academic credit for your work experience that can be applied toward your certificate or degree at OCC. Bring a friend who may be interested in working in a position related to their studies too!

CALL TO RESERVE A SEAT!

Th	Sept 4	OR	M-146	9:00am	Th	Nov 6	OR	M-146	10:00am
F	Sept 26	OR	M-146	10:00am	Th	Nov 20	AH	A-362	12:00noon
T	Oct 14	AH	A-362	2:00pm	W	Dec 3	AH	A-362	11:00am
T	Oct 28	OR	M-146	1:00pm	Th	Dec 11	OR	M-146	2:00pm

Walk-In Resume Clinics

Do you have a rough draft resume that needs to be dusted and polished? Meet with a program coordinator who will give you constructive suggestions on selling yourself to employers through your resume. Skills, strengths, and accomplishments will be highlighted so that you will feel more confident when presenting yourself to employers on paper.

Walk-in Clinic dates and times are as follows:

Th	Oct 23	AH	A-362	10am-1pm	T	Nov 18	OR	M-113	9am-12pm
W	Oct 29	OR	M-113	9am-12pm	W	Dec 3	AH	A-362	1pm-3pm
Th	Nov 13	AH	A-362	10am-1pm	M	Dec 8	OR	M-113	2pm-5pm

Successful Interviewing Strategies

This workshop is designed for those individuals who have never experienced a professional interview before, and for those who need to improve their interviewing skills. Specific strategies and techniques will be discussed during the workshop. Appropriate responses to typical interview questions will also be reviewed. Learn how to prepare for a behavioral interview and have good questions ready to ask potential employers!

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T	Sep 16	OR	M-146	10:00am	W	Nov 26	OR	M-146	2:00pm
Th	Oct 16	AH	A-362	12:00 Noon	M	Dec 8	AH	A-362	1:00pm
T	Nov 18	AH	A-362	10:00am	F	Dec 12	OR	M-146	10:00am

Please Note!

****You may have questions about your job search or need some individual assistance. If you are a single parent, have a disability, limited financial resources, or are a non native speaker of English you may receive support from the Internship and Co-op office. The program coordinator can assist you in identifying personal challenges to employment and work with you in managing these challenges so that you can begin achieving your career goals!****

Any student who is currently participating in the Internship and Cooperative Education Program can schedule a personal appointment with a program coordinator by calling 248.232.4140 (Auburn Hills), or 248.522.3699 (Orchard Ridge).

We're on the web! Oaklandcc.edu/coop