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 1,681 individual placements to date (47 in Fall 2008)
- Placed 722 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2008 class – 3.16
- Average wage for the Fall 2008 class - $10.78 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2008 class - $156,056
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - $5,695,681

To date in the 2008-09 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 376 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 93 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

**Selected Intern Comments**

“I would definitely recommend an internship to fellow students. It is one of the best ways to determine if a particular career field is suited to you.”

“I have never worked in a professional setting before and it was quite a change from my previous job. This experience polished my professional and communication skills.”

*Gabrielle Potts, Accounting Major  
Conner, McMillon, Mitchell & Shennum- Amarillo, TX*

“My marketing classes made the biggest impact on my internship. I have to do a lot of persuasion with other project managers and these classes gave me the skills to do this.”

“I can really see myself doing this type of work in the future.”

*Josh Compton, Marketing Major  
B&W Pantex- Amarillo, TX*

“I have learned that every experience is a learning experience, that you never stop learning….”

*Romelia Robinson, Accounting Major  
American Star Corp.- Amarillo TX*

**Intern Comments on YouTube**

*Jill Whitfield, Speech Communications Major  
Disney World- Orland, FL*

*Lance Terrell, General Business Major  
Herring National Bank- Amarillo, TX*

*Ryoichi Watanabe, Accounting Major  
GE Commercial Credit- Osaka, Japan*
Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2008

This semester 11 of our 47 interns graduated. Eight took full-time positions with their internship employers, 1 took a full-time position with a non-internship employer, and 2 are still seeking employment.

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* Took a full-time position while she completes her graduate 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

FALL 2008 INTERNS

23.4% graduated
  o 81.8% of these students have full-time positions

44.6% are continuing their internship

32% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree full-time

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