WTAMU Experiential Education Program
Fall 2011 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 2,071 individual placements to date (54 in Fall 2011)
- Placed 991 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2011 class – 3.38
- Average wage for paid internships for the Fall 2011 class - $14.47 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2011 class - $424,746
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - $7,803,221

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 674 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 79 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

**What Did You Like Most About the Internship?**

- "Visiting the parks for free and getting to see beautiful birds, meerkats and frogs every day.”
  Alyssa Murphy
  Biology Major
  Disney World--Orlando, FL
  Interned in Animal Kingdom

- "Meeting everyone and realizing that my career choice is correct.”
  Brandi Ellison
  Accounting Major
  Bruckner Truck Sales—Amarillo, TX
“I liked being responsible for tasks and learning how the real world works.”

David Rojas
CIS Major
B&W Pantex—Amarillo, TX

“An internship/campus job that is relevant to my career path.”

Jarrett Johnston
Graphic Design Major
WT Select Intern
West Texas A&M University—Canyon, TX
Internship Partners - Fall 2011

Attebury Grain

B&W Pantex

Cactus Feeders

Canyon News

Chick-fil-A

City of Amarillo
Juvenile Diabetes research Foundation

**Lone Star Diamonds**

McCoy Myers (CSI Inc.)

**Nationwide Insurance**

New Day Productions

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

**Panhandle Plains Historical Museum**

**Skilled Trades**

Small Town Gypsy
Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2011

This semester 12 out of our 57 interns either graduated or took full-time positions while they finish their degree. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 12 (100%) have full-time jobs.

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*- started FT while finishing 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](http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-emp-participating-employers.aspx)
Fall 2011 Interns

9% (5) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment/Grad School
100% of these students have full-time positions
One student is pursuing her MBA while working full-time

12% (7) – Took full-time positions while they finish their degree

33% (19) - Continuing Their Internship

46% (26) - 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!