

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 2014 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:

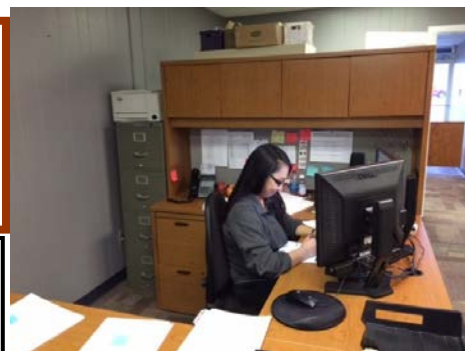
- Monitored or documented 2,422 individual placements to date (86 in Fall 2014)
- Placed 1,434 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2014 class – 3.16
- Average wage for paid internships for the Fall 2014 class - \$12.38 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2014 class - \$196,429
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$9,927,945

For the academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 701 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 76 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

### What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“My knowledge and what I have gained was really valuable. It taught me how to be more professional, how to balance my work, and even though I was sometimes out of my comfort zone, I was able to overcome it and learn from it.”

*Vy Nguyen  
Accounting Major  
Audio-Video Corporation  
Amarillo, TX*



“I enjoyed learning and performing a variety of different tasks on a daily basis. Having to deal with network equipment gave me a greater interest in computer networks.

I became more confident in my abilities to learn, adapt and challenge my skills.

*Gustavo Vega  
CIS Major  
Sharyland Utilities  
Amarillo. TX*

"I enjoyed making new professional contacts the most."  
I also liked the new skills I gained and the experiences I will be able to talk about in interviews with potential employers.

*Abbey Coufal (on the right)  
Mass Comm Major  
WTAMU Intercollegiate Athletics  
Canyon, TX*



"The thing that I enjoyed the most was getting to create social media posts. I created a document with around 30 posts that they can use next year."  
The most valuable part was getting to meet new people and learn how to handle different situations in the workplace.

*Jordan Oursbourn  
Mass Comm Major  
Panhandle Plains Historical Museum  
Canyon, TX*

## Internship Partners- Fall 2014



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A-V Corp





**Congressman Mac Thornberry's office**





**State Representative Dawna Dukes**



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**First Baptist Church Canyon**



**Fritz Driesbach- Glass Artist**



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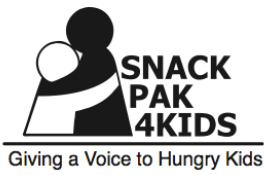


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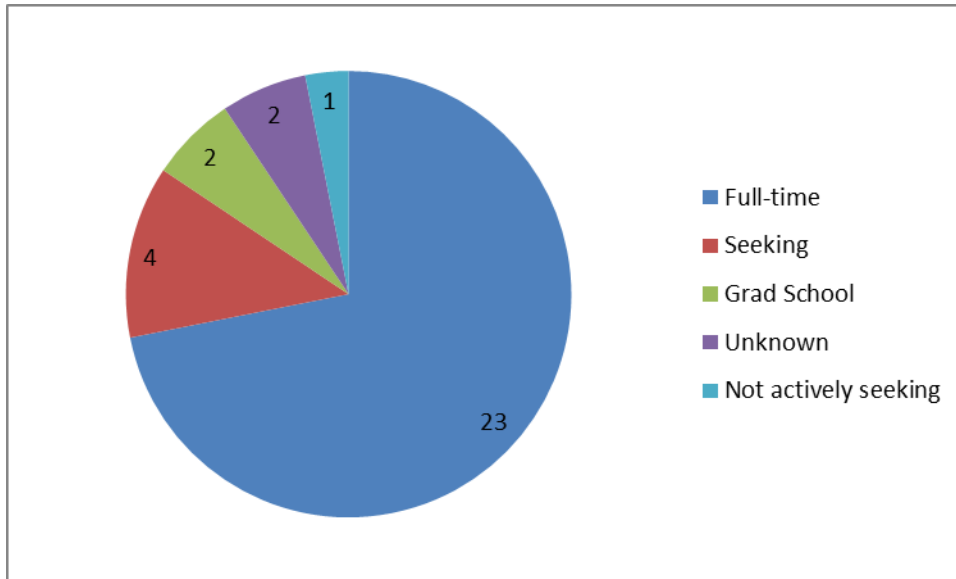
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## Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2014

This semester 31 out of 86 interns graduated. One of our interns took a full-time job while she completes her degree. Out of these, 23 (72%) have full-time jobs, 4 (12.5%) are still seeking employment, 2 (6.25%) are planning to attend graduate school, 1 (3%) is not actively seeking and 2 (6.25%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



## Graduating Students

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Atwood, Taylor	PSES	USDA-NRCS, New Mexico	Seeking
Bradford, Kaitlyn	Mass Comm	806 Sports Authority	FT with Red River Ski Area
Cendejas, Jeffery	SES	Specialized Therapy Services of Amarillo`	Grad School
Chiarell, Amanda	Nursing	BSA Health System	Parkland Memorial Hospital
Chisum, Ryan	Nursing	VIBRA	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Coufal, Abbey	Mass Comm	WTAMU- Intercollegiate Athletics	Grad School
Culwell, Morgan	Communications	Summit Church	Greg Lair GMC
De Los Santos, Joseph	Agriculture	Cedar Falls Exotic Wildlife Ranch	FT with Texas Farm Bureau
Glen, Kadie	Animal Science	WTAMU- Dept. of Agriculture	FT with Animal Medical Center of

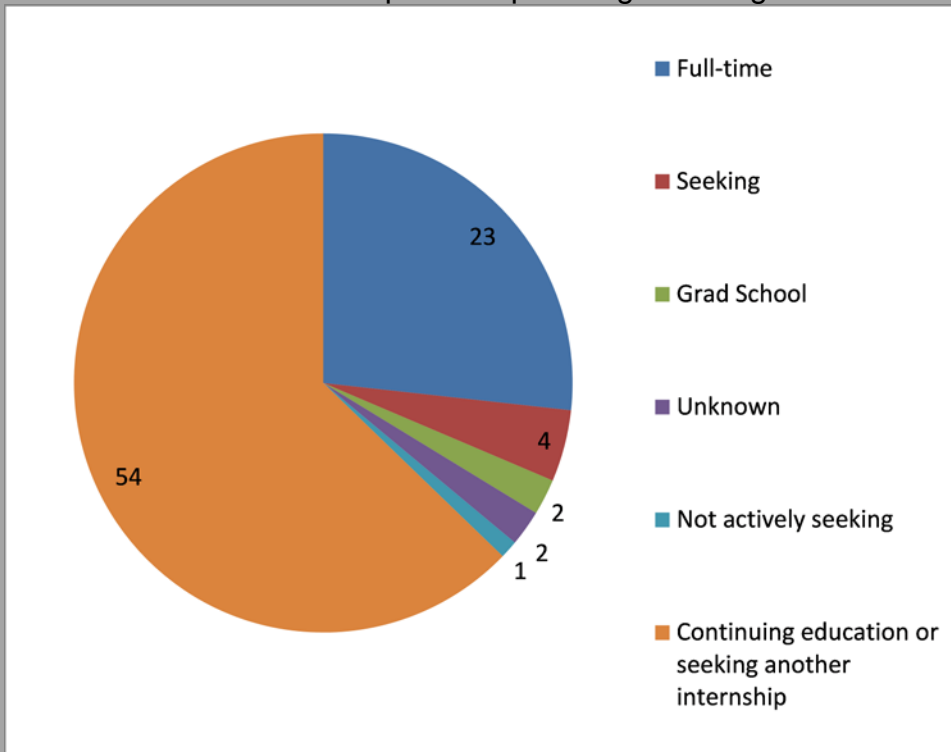
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Glen, Kelsie	Animal Science	WTAMU- Dept. of Agriculture	FT with La Chateau
Grant, Jennifer	Accounting	Bruckner Truck Sales	FT with Bruckner Truck Sales
Harriss, Shelby	Accounting	Xcel Energy	FT with Johnson & Sheldon, PC
Harvey, Kristen	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Del Sol Medical Center
Hughes, Zachary	Criminal Justice	Randall County Sheriff's Office	Seeking
Jackson, Christen	Mass Comm	WVUE Fox 8 News	Seeking
Mays, Brandi	Graphic Design	WTAMU- College of Fine Arts	Seeking
Melson, Jessie	Graphic Design	First Baptist Church of Canyon	Texas Tech Health Sciences Center
Mills, Matthew	Agriculture	Tascosa Land Resources	FT with Tascosa Land Resources
Murphey, Anna	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with Pediatric Associates of Dallas
Nuygen, Vy	Accounting	A-V Corporation	FT with Johnson & Sheldon, PC
Oursbourn, Jordan	Mass Comm	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum	Seeking
Pinkerton, Seth	ET	Xcel Energy	FT with Xcel Energy
Pinkerton, Avery	Mass Comm	WTAMU- Student Affairs	FT with WTAMU Student Affairs
Robinson, John	Engineering	Xcel Energy	Seeking
Rowe, Aaron	Nursing	BSA Healthcare System	FT with BSA Healthcare System
Sandoval, Jeanette	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Healthcare System
Sarabia, Jorge	Accounting	Victor Glenn CPA	FT with Johnson & Sheldon PC
Sills, Tori	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Healthcare System
Sumner, Joseph	Mass Comm	March of Dimes	FT with United Supermarkets
Vargas, Steffanee	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with Covenant Health System
Wilkins, Patty	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with Accolade Home Care
Wiseman, Julie	Graphic Design	Trinity Fellowship Church	Not Actively Seeking

## 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 2014 Interns

Out of the 86 interns, 26.7% got full-time positions, 4.7% are seeking full-time, 2.3% are pursuing grad school, 2.3% we were unable to contact, 1.2% are not actively seeking and 62.8% are either continuing in their internship or seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree.



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