

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 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 1,446 individual placements to date (40 in Summer 2007)
- Placed 668 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2007 class – 3.23
- Average wage for the Summer 2007 class - \$12.27 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2007 class - \$199,614
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$4,934,681

During the 2006-07 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 772 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 187 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2007

This semester 6 of our 40 interns placed graduated. Two found a full-time position, 3 are continuing their education in graduate school, and one is still seeking employment.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Mauricio Fajardo-Gonzalez	MSFE	RDA Global	Seeking employment
Kourtney Johnson	MPA	Donna West, CPA	FT with internship employer
Valarie Lowery	Finance	Pantex	Graduate student
Keisha Monroe	General Business	Pantex	Graduate student
Jacob Rios	Engineering Technology	Xcel Energy	FT with internship employer
David Schrock	Marketing	Pantex	Graduate student

Participating Employers

For a current list of participating employers, please see
<http://wtcareer.wtamu.edu/coop/coopemp.htm>.

Selected Student & Employer Comments

“The interns are crucial to our organization’s success. They did the best job they have ever done this summer.”

*Mark Lee, General Manager
Amarillo Dillas*

“The internship really confirmed my thinking to become an auditor and to graduate with an accounting degree. The internship gave me more confidence of what I will do after I graduate, which is something I was uncertain about before.”

*Frances Detten, Accounting Major
Intern with the Johnson & Sheldon P.C.*

”The internship program is invaluable because it gives us the opportunity to assess the IT skills of up and coming talent. It gives us a pipeline into good students who can fill full-time opportunities after they graduate. Also, the internship program helps us maintain a positive relationship with the community.”

*O.J. Blankenship, I.T. Manager
BWXT Pantex*

“This internship has been an amazing experience and I am very pleased that I was able to get some experience at such a great company. I learned more than I had expected and definitely received more out of this internship than I had imagined.”

*Missy Howell, Accounting Major
Jack B. Kelley Company*

“Eric has assumed a leadership role in the manufacturing plant...”

*Aaron Baker
Engineer, Fluid Compressor Systems*