

INTERNSHIP HANDBOOK 2020 – 2021

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Or Walk-in to see if we're available

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INTRODUCTION

Ask any recruiter or Human Resources professional and they will tell you that an Internship is an important item to have on your resume as you search for jobs. The experience that comes with leveraging classroom learning into action is instrumental for you and eyecatching for an employer. While completing an Internship does not guarantee you a job right after college, it affords you the opportunity to determine if an industry or career path is right for you, allows you to put the skills and knowledge gained on campus to work in a professional setting, and makes you a stronger candidate as you compete for positions after graduation.

WHAT IS AN INTERNSHIP?

An Internship is an opportunity for a student to work in a non-academic environment in order to gain experience or satisfy requirements for certification or licensure.

At Coe, the one-credit Internship includes:

- <u>a minimum of 140 hours of on-site experience, weekly journal entries, and a final paper and/or project.</u> The details of the academic component are determined in conjunction with your faculty Internship advisor.
- Internships are completed during the academic year or over the summer and can be completed in Cedar Rapids, throughout the US, or internationally.
- Most Internships are one-credit or summer non-credit bearing (used specifically to fulfill
 the Academic Practicum requirement). In rare circumstances, an Internship may be
 significant enough to warrant 2 credits. A maximum of 2.0 course credits may be
 counted toward the 32 credits required for graduation through Internships
- Students seeking to earn some type of credit <u>must</u> receive faculty approval and register the Internship with the Registrar's Office.

ACADEMIC PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT

An Internship will also satisfy **Coe College's Academic Practicum Requirement**. This requirement (as per the course catalog) states:

A practicum experience is required of all students for all undergraduate degrees, except those earning second degrees. Typically completed in the student's junior or senior year, all practica are experiences that integrate academic components with career or other life goals and are significant educational exercises outside the classroom. A practicum experience can consist of an Internship, off-campus study, community-based project, honors project, or some other kind of independent activity.

INTERNSHIP REGISTRATION PROCESS

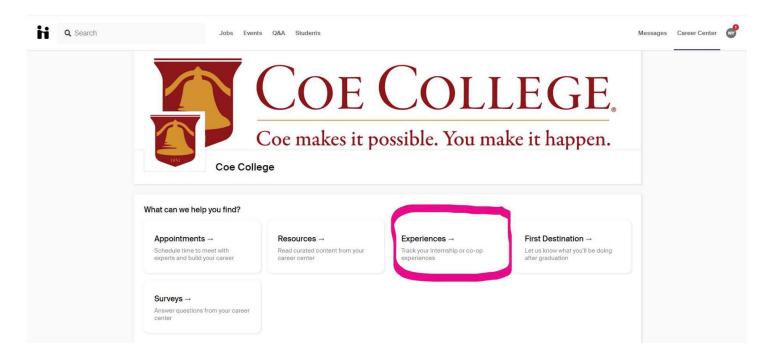
All Internships that are completed for credit or to fulfill the academic practicum <u>MUST</u> go through a registration process to ensure the class/requirement is noted on your transcript. As Internships cannot be added to your transcript retroactively, it is essential that you complete the registration process as per the current policies and procedures.

Once you have been offered and have accepted an Internship, please follow the steps below:

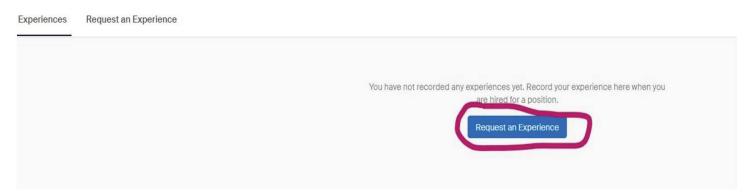
Log your Internship as an Experience in Handshake for Faculty Internship Advisor approval. Once you submit an Experience and create learning objectives, you can access this information even in your post-grad years through Handshake.

To Request an Experience

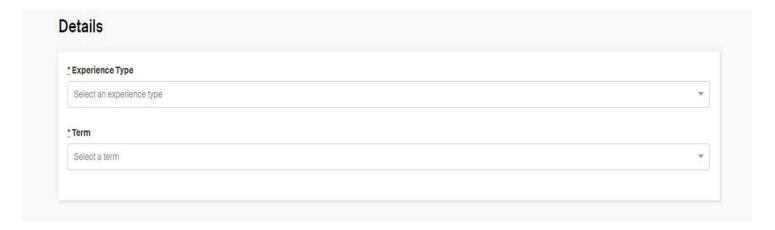
- 1. Click the Career Center in the top menu bar
- 2. Select Experiences



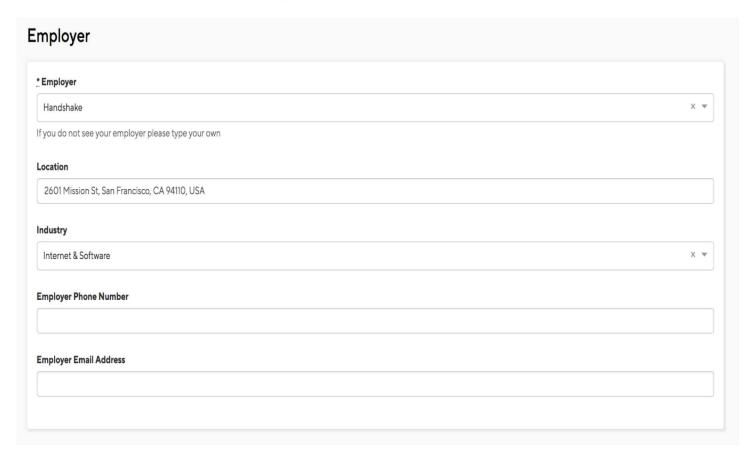
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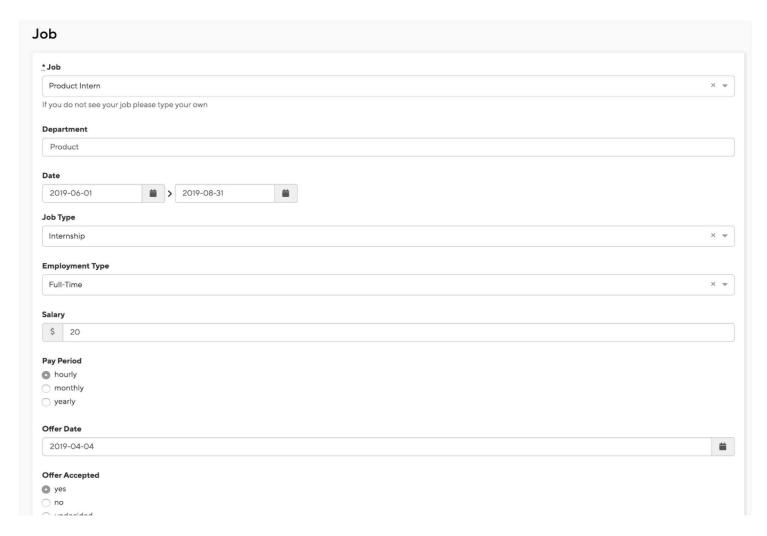
4. From the Experience Type selections, choose "<u>Internship</u>" and enter the appropriate term and year for your Internship.



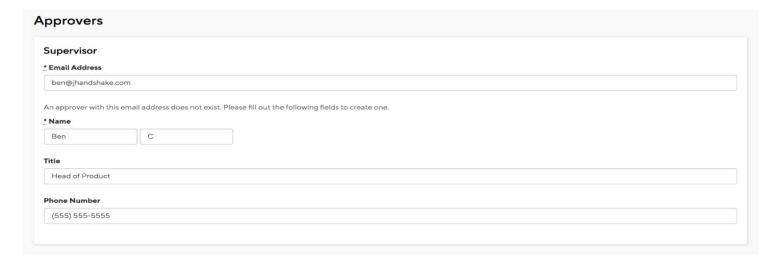
5. Enter the employer details for your Experience.



6. Enter the job details for your Experience

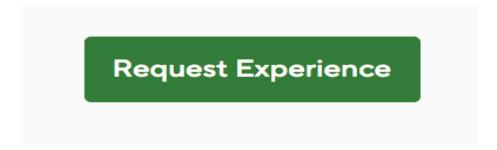


7. Enter the Approvers for your Experience. Approvers for Internships include a C3 Career Specialist, the Faculty Advisor for your Internship, and a representative from your Internship site. For this section, you should enter the C3 staff member your major is connected with.



8. Answer the specific questions included in the survey associated with this experience.

 Select Request Experience in the bottom right corner of the page to complete the Experience request process. You will then see that your Experience has been successfully created and is pending approval from your Career Center.

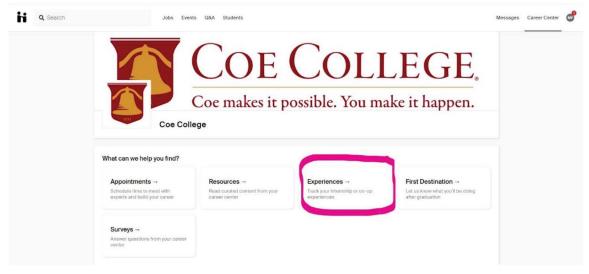


Creating Goals/Objectives

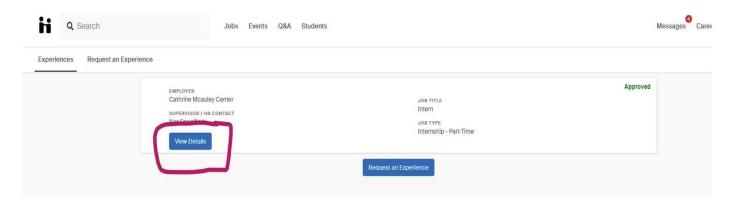
After creating the experience, you will need to enter goals/objectives related to your Internship. All Internships being completed for credit or to fulfill the Academic Practicum Requirement <u>MUST</u> have goals/objectives included. If you need assistance with your goals and objectives, please review the sample goals provided as an attachment within Handshake or speak with your faculty advisor and/or a C3 Career Specialist.

NOTE: Your Learning Objectives should be entered immediately after requesting/creating the experience. This ensures that your Faculty Advisor and Internship Host Site Representative can review your goals while approving the experience. You can edit/update your objectives at a later date by selecting the Experiences option under the Career Center drop down menu, selecting your Internship and then clicking, view details.

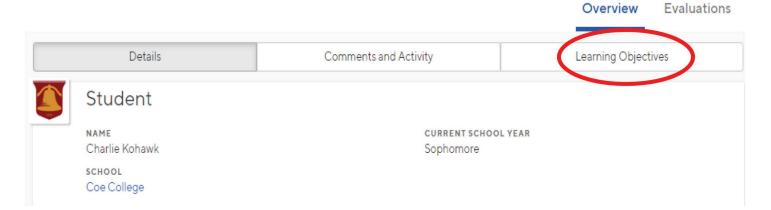
1. From your main profile page on Handshake, select Experiences from the Career Center drop down menu.



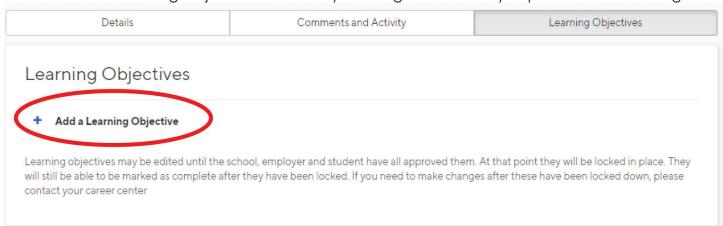
2. The basic information of your Internship will appear and you will select View Details.



- 3. The full details of your Internship will appear on the next screen and you will see information on the job, the employer, approvers and the status of their approval, and your survey responses.
- 4. At the top of this screen, select the Learning Objectives tab in order to enter your goals/objectives.



5. Select Add a Learning Objective and enter your first goal and how you plan to achieve this goal.



6. Once learning goals/objectives have been entered, each will need to be approved by the Employer, the Student, and the School. <u>As the student, you can self-approve your goals once entered.</u>

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Register for your Internship

If your Internship is for Practicum fulfillment or Class credit, just like other courses, you will need to register the Internship on the Registrar's Registration form found on my.coe.edu. Your Faculty Internship Advisor can assist you in determining which course you should register for. Again, since Internships cannot be added to your transcript retroactively, please make sure to speak with the Registrar if you have any questions to ensure your Internship is counted correctly.

Complete the coursework and Final Evaluations

As agreed upon with your Faculty Advisor, complete all academic requirements and submit as necessary. In addition to the coursework, the student must complete the Student Evaluation which can be found in the Experience section of your Handshake account. The site supervisor must complete an evaluation on the student's performance and submit it to the Faculty Advisor at the conclusion of the Internship. Evaluations should be automatically sent to you and your site supervisor 15 business days prior to the end of the term.