

# **Frequently Asked Internship Questions**

## Do I have to earn internship credits to work in my field?

- Most students are not required to earn internship credits, but typically choose to do so for various reasons (see "What are the benefits" on the next page).
- The following students ARE REQUIRED to complete the process to earn internship credits:
  - "Students Interns" who are employed by the college working directly in their field. This does not include "Student Workers"
  - Students who have requested to live on campus over the summer or during winter break so they can work (in their field)

#### Is there a cost/tuition for the internship credits?

• No, there is no cost to students to earn internship credits.

### Do the internship credits replace any of my gen-ed electives?

No, internship credits cannot replace any of your required general education courses.

#### Are internships required for graduation?

 Unless your specific program major has an internship/work study embedded in curriculum, internships are NOT required for graduation.

#### Will the credits I earn for an internship/work experience transfer to another college?

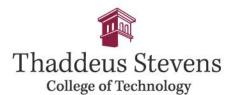
• Yes, the internship credits you earn will appear on your transcript and can transfer into a Bachelor's program. Typically, the credits are accepted as one of your required 3-credit electives and/or to satisfy an internship requirement at the 4-year institution.

#### Will I receive a grade for my internship experience?

Yes. If you complete all required components (see <u>Internship Program Overview</u>) of the internship, you will earn an A. You have the option of earning 1, 2, or 3 credits depending on the number of hours worked. For example, if you work 150 hours and complete all paperwork, you will earn a 3 credit A which will get averaged into your "overall" GPA. It will not affect your "major" GPA. If you do not complete the required paperwork, you will not earn the credits.

#### What is required of me to earn the internship credits?

- In addition to meeting student eligibility requirements (see <u>Internship Program Overview</u>) you
  must do the following
- Complete the online Internship Application Form
- Submit bi-weekly log sheets (for work up to a maximum of 150 hours) for many of you, your required hours will be completed within the first several weeks of employment.
- Submit a 1-page essay of your experience.



## What are the benefits to earning internship credits?

- A boost to your overall GPA think of an extra 3-credit A averaged into your overall GPA
- Credits that can transfer to a 4-year program
- Written confirmation of work in your field on your transcript
- The credits are free
- It will be the easiest 3-credit A you ever earn!! ☺

## How many internship credits can I earn?

• 1 credit for every 50 hours worked up to a maximum of 3 credits in any given semester (summer is considered a semester).

#### Will I get paid during my internship?

• Most often, Yes. It is highly unusual for a TSCT student to work in an "unpaid" internship. During the summer of 2022, nearly 300 students worked directly in their field. 100% of them were paid. Institutionally, the median Internship hourly rate that summer was \$17.50 per hour.

## Can anyone apply to earn internship credits?

Any currently enrolled student who has completed a minimum of 12 credits in their major and is
in good academic standing is eligible to apply to earn internship credits for work in a field
related to the major.

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