

The Teacher Internship

Business Leaders and Educators Work Together

As workforce development and career readiness initiatives grow in the Midlands, new approaches are needed to support all teachers. Many pioneering teachers want to expand their own experience to better understand real-world applications of academic concepts. Teachers will increase their confidence and authority in the classroom by gaining first-hand knowledge of the changing workplace. This knowledge will expand their ability to facilitate the students' understanding of the connection between school and the world of work.

Purpose of Project: The internship provides educators the opportunity to experience first-hand the skills required in the modern, technological workplace so that they can better prepare the students for tomorrow's workforce.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Business: There are many businesses in Fairfield, Lexington and Richland counties that qualify to participate in this special project. Participation involves interning at least one educator to work in your business for one week. Participation is limited, so please respond with your commitment to Lisa Call, 803.732.5258 or Dr. Kaye Shaw, 803.822.3306.

Educators: If you are currently an administrator, career specialist, high school teacher, a middle school teacher, or a counselor, the internship program is for you! Participation is limited; so complete the enclosed application now.

BENEFITS

For Business:

- Assuming an active role in the professional development of educators for students
- Becoming a business role model for educators and students
- Having quality professional workers to help your business meet short-term needs
- Having a decisive voice in the development of our future workforce
- Enjoying positive public relations for your business as an outstanding leader in the Midlands area

For Educators:

- Identify changes in the workplace and related implications for education
- Increase understanding of the various occupations within a company and the related skills and education required for entry and/or advancement
- Learn about area business and industry, the products or services they provide, and the impact on the community
- Grants eligibility for district's recertification

What participation means for educators...

- Participate in a three-hour graduate credit course developed by the Midlands Education and Business Alliance and offered through Coastal Carolina University
- Work a minimum of 40 work site learning hours at a two local company (20/20) in position specifically designed for professional educators
- Attend an orientation session prior to your work experience and a closing session to discuss outcomes
- Develop a project of your choice, related to career guidance and content area, which will expand your teaching strategies and enhance students' learning

Selection and Placement of Educators

- Applicants must complete the application form and write a one-page essay. Applicants must pay the appropriate registration fee to the Midlands Education and Business Alliance. Applicants will register for graduate credit through Coastal Carolina University at the first class (A copy of your teaching certificate will be required for registration at Coastal Carolina University.)
- A panel of business representatives and alliance staff will review all documents. The review panel will determine placement of teachers and counselors at a particular internship site.
- Applicants will be notified in writing by May 4, 2010, of their acceptance into the program.

Recertification Credit for Educators

Participating teachers will receive three semester hours of graduate credit through Coastal Carolina University upon successful completion of all assigned duties and coursework. *For recertification credit procedure, please contact your district coordinator.*

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the internship or about the application and acceptance procedures, please contact Lisa Call, 803.732.5258 or Dr. Kaye Shaw, 803.822.3306.