Experiential Learning

Want a job after graduation? That’s the goal, right? Studying and making the grade is no longer enough in today’s economy. Practical work experience related to your major is the **COMPETITIVE EDGE** that can make the difference in your job search after graduation.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

**WHAT IS IT?**
It’s learning by doing! The Cooperative Education (Co-op) and Internship Office is dedicated to helping you gain practical work experience in your field BEFORE you graduate!

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**
- Sets you apart from other candidates (even those with better GPAs!)
- Helps you earn money during college AND boosts your full-time salary upon graduation
- Contributes to the choice of proper major based on your interests and skills
- Provides a great opportunity to network with others in your field of choice

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION & INTERNSHIPS**

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**
A paid full-time position with a company for three alternating semesters (a total of one year of work experience upon graduation) that allows a student to have increasing responsibility as time passes.

**CO-OP REQUIREMENTS**
- 2.5/4.0 GPA
- Freshmen must complete one academic year before going to work (student can interview DURING their freshman year!)
- Transfer students must complete one academic semester (student can interview DURING their first semester on the MSU campus)

**INTERNSHIPS**
Can be paid or unpaid and is a full-time practical work experience for one semester only, usually during the summer, and is normally a specific project based on company need

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT**
- Full-Time Student Status and in Good Academic Standing

**SIGN UP**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS**
Attend one of our information sessions that take place each semester, or visit the Co-op and Internship Office in 335 McCain Hall.