



Cultivating Business for Practicums

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The Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Arlington Independent School District (AISD), is working to secure practicum opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year, with student placements beginning in September 2021.

We invite your support to open up a practicum experience to offer job shadowing, mentoring and provide practical application experiences to participating students. The practicum will benefit AISD high school seniors who wish to have a learning experience in entry level and middle skill careers. Practicums can be made available either as **paid** or **unpaid** opportunities.

Students will work a minimum of **six (6) hours** during the school week. Pending the students schedule and employer needs, hours may have the ability to increase. The goal of the program is to encourage students to explore a career of interest and gain a learning experience from their placement site as well as complete the school year practicum.

INDUSTRY PATHWAYS

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, and Floral Design
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology, Communications, and Video Game Design
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality, Culinary Arts, and Travel & Tourism
- Human Services
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- STEM
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- IT & Computer Technician

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Exposure to Real-World Business Scenarios
- Cultivate Critical & Creative Skills
- Increase Marketability to Employers
- Experience Industries & Careers
- Personal Growth Opportunities
- Increase Self-Confidence
- Develop Professional Relationships
- Applying Academic Concepts & Principles

EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- Cultivate a Talent Pipeline
- Increase Productivity
- Enhance Perspective
- Community Engagement in Education
- Support AISD and Student Achievement
- Mentor Young & Bright Students

For more pathway information, please visit www.aisd.net/career-technical-center/career-pathways

**For more information or to secure your practicum student(s),
please email education@arlingtontx.com**

Practicum Program FAQ's

What is the difference between an internship and a practicum and how does that change things for the employer?

The Practicum Program is designed to give students supervised practical hands on experience in their chosen career path. Students in the practicum program have studied and built their skills leading up to the placement opportunity in their senior year. The Practicum Specialist and teachers have evaluated each student to ensure that the students' skills meet the level of experience of the placement.



What is an educational practicum?

Supervised on-site work experiences that allow students to practice and demonstrate their developing skills and competencies in their career pathway. Practicums are for high school seniors only.

- Shadowing one or more assigned employees
- Observing and correlating practices in the field with studied theories and methods
- Recording data or assisting with tasks as directed by onsite personnel
- Completing practicum course assignments by the practicum teacher

What is the schedule for a practicum?

Practicum classes are scheduled as double blocked classes (two class periods in a row) on the AISD A/B block schedule. Some practicums are scheduled on A days and some on B days. Students report to their practicum location for work during their practicum class except for Fridays. On Fridays, students meet in their practicum class with their teacher for lecture and coursework.



Is it possible for the student to work more than 6 hours a week?

Pending the students' schedule, there is room for flexibility. If the employer requires more hours the Practicum Specialist and Practicum Teacher will work to identify student(s) who may be available to work more hours in efforts to accommodate employer.