Undergraduate Internship Manual

Therapeutic Recreation Program

Therapeutic Recreation Internships

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Introduction

This manual is the course handbook for the undergraduate student interns in the Therapeutic Recreation Program at The University of Iowa. This publication is a resource for undergraduate students, potential supervising agencies, and review bodies who have interest in the undergraduate internship program.

This manual describes the purpose of the undergraduate internship program as well as its mission. Additional policies and procedures related to the internship program are listed including responsibilities of the intern, the agency, and the program, guidelines for approval of internships, deadlines, and official forms.

This manual is in effect for undergraduate students who expect to complete internships for academic credit during the spring or summer academic sessions.

Purpose of Undergraduate Internship Program

The undergraduate internship program and its academic courses are designed to provide a learning environment outside the classroom for the transfer of concepts, principles, theories and models learned by the student to the professional practice setting. While meeting the academic needs of the student, the internship program also establishes a closer relationship with agencies and practitioners, provides a conduit for the exchange of contemporary thinking and insights among the faculty, students, and practitioners, and provides service to the community. In doing so, the internship program complements the mission of the Therapeutic Recreation Program, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and The University of Iowa.
Therapeutic Recreation Program

Mission

The Therapeutic Recreation Program has the closely related missions of:

- Providing effective undergraduate teaching for both majors and non-majors.
- Providing premier graduate programs.
- Providing national and international leadership in research and knowledge dissemination.
- Making a strong contribution to the overall liberal arts mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

In pursuing the interdisciplinary study of personal and cultural behaviors related to health, leisure, and sport that enhance quality of life, we advocate individual responsibility, effective organizational policy, and transformative social action that promote healthy environments and patterns of living.

The program capitalizes on its diversity in areas of study which focus on people with disabilities and older adults.

All students who complete their major earn a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Inclusive Recreation Emphasis Area

The primary aim of the Inclusive Recreation track is to prepare undergraduate students for entry level positions in recreation services by improving or maintaining physical, mental, emotional, and/or social functioning in order to assist individuals in independent leisure lifestyles. Graduates serve persons with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities; persons with intellectual disabilities; individuals who are incarcerated; persons who are chemically dependent or are socially disadvantaged; as well as older adults. Completion of the degree program satisfies eligibility requirements necessary to take the National Therapeutic Recreation Certification Examination administered by the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification. Students are selectively admitted to the Inclusive Recreation emphasis area. Inclusive Recreation students are required to complete a 12 semester hour internship.
Part I: Guidelines

TR:4190 Preinternship Seminar

This course is offered fall and spring semesters. Since many agencies have highly competitive internships and application deadlines at least six months before the internship starting date, students should plan accordingly. Preinternship seminar must be taken at least one semester prior to the semester of the internship.

Prerequisite Courses and Other Credentials

To qualify for an internship, the student must meet all requirements stated in the Undergraduate Internship Manual edition that applies to the academic session in which the student will take the internship. Failure to meet all requirements will result in postponement of the internship for at least one academic session until all requirements are met.

Requirements

- Overall GPA of at least 2.00
- Major GPA of at least 2.00
- Completion of all Therapeutic Recreation Foundation Courses
- Completion of all Therapeutic Recreation Elective Courses
- Completion of 169:190 Pre-Internship Seminar
- Verification of at least 400 hours of volunteer or paid work experience in student’s emphasis area. For specific criteria on and distribution of volunteer or paid work experiences see the section, Pre-Internship Volunteer and Paid Work Experiences below
- Evidence of certification in CPR and First Aid at the Community and First Aid Safety Level that will extend through the internship. If certification is scheduled to expire prior to or during the internship, the student must be recertified before he or she begins the internship.
- Evidence of certification in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention®
- Student submits all required forms by stated deadline dates
- Adherence to the procedures and policies stated in this Manual
- Approval of internship by Internship Coordinator and appropriate faculty
- While not a mandatory requirement, infectious disease immunizations including completion of the Hepatitis B Immunization Series is strongly encouraged. For further information about immunizations see the section, Infectious Disease Immunizations, in this Manual.

Preinternship Volunteer and Paid Work Experiences

Before the internship begins, students must have verified at least 400 hours of paid or voluntary work experiences. The student should have experience in at least three different settings, with at least three different population groups. At least one experience must be in a clinical setting, a minimum of 40 hours, where direct health care services are provided. Examples of clinical settings are hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes.
Only volunteer and work experiences since high school may be used to fulfill this requirement and at least 200 of the total 400 hours must be completed after the student has been admitted to the Program.

Each paid or voluntary experience must be verified and approved by the student's Academic Advisor and by the individual that supervised the student during the volunteer or work experience. A Preinternship Experience Verification Form should be completed for each experience.

Students should have the form completed at the end of each experience and promptly submit it to the Internship Coordinator. The Preinternship Experience Verification Forms will be part of each student’s internship file.

**Internship Searches**

The student is responsible for identifying and securing an appropriate internship. The prerequisite course TR:4190 Pre-Internship Seminar, addresses strategies for internship searches. Since internships are awarded on a competitive basis and are available to students throughout the country, plans must be made carefully and applications submitted early. Students should make alternative plans in case they do not qualify for or do not secure their first choice. The Therapeutic Recreation Program does not guarantee placement of an internship position.

Students are not limited to but are encouraged to pursue internships with agencies that have existing affiliation agreements with The University of Iowa.

**Eligibility of Agency for Internship**

For each individual student, the faculty determines the eligibility of an internship. In addition, previous approval of an internship agency for a former intern does not insure approval of the internship for the student applicant. The following factors are considered when determining internship approval:

- Intern responsibilities provide sufficient opportunity to apply foundation and emphasis area coursework to the practice setting.
- The Agency Supervisor holds current certification with NCTRC and is employed by the agency at least 32 hours per week for responsibilities in Therapeutic Recreation.
- Agency presents the student with an opportunity to experience all aspects of the TR process as described by NCTRC.

The Internship Coordinator will notify the student of the approval or denial of the internship.

**Deadlines for Internship Approval and Graduation Application**

Program and University deadlines are set so that institutional resources can facilitate the student’s success as an intern and graduate. The deadlines related to applying for the internship and for graduation follow. In addition, students should refer to the steps outlined in this Manual in the section, “Checklist for Internship”.

Failure to meet the deadlines will result in postponement of the internship by at least one semester. Students who experience extended personal or family illness or other extenuating circumstances that prohibit meeting the deadlines may write a letter of appeal to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the Therapeutic Recreation Program and ask the Committee to approve a deadline extension. No other deadline exceptions will be considered.
Deadlines for **Spring Internships and May Degree Candidates**

**October**
- Communicate with Internship Coordinator concerning Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19)

**November**
- First Monday in November: Deadline to submit completed form, Academic Eligibility for Internship, and necessary attachments (see form, page 17) to Internship Coordinator
- Third Monday in November: Deadline to submit completed form, Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19) to Internship Coordinator
- Register for TR:4191 Internship I for 12 semester hours credit through academic advisor and ISIS (see UI academic calendar for exact dates)

**December**
- First weekday in December: Deadline to submit form, Agency Acceptance of Intern (see form, page 21) and copy of agency supervisor’s NCTRC certification, copies of certifications – First Aid, CPR, and Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training

**May Degree Candidates**
- March Deadline: Submit Application for Graduation to Graduation Analysis, Registrar’s Office, 1 Jessup Hall (see UI academic calendar for exact date)

**Deadlines for Summer Internships and July Degree Candidates**

**March**
- Communicate with Internship Coordinator concerning Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19)

**April**
- First Monday in April: Deadline to submit completed form, Academic Eligibility for Internship, and necessary attachments (see form, page 17) to Internship Coordinator
- Third Monday in April: Deadline to submit completed form, Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19) to Internship Coordinator
- Last weekday in April: Deadline to submit form, Agency Acceptance of Intern (see form, page 21) and copy of agency supervisor’s NCTRC certification, copies of certifications – First Aid, CPR, and Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training
- Register for TR:4191 Internship I for semester hours credit through academic advisor and ISIS (see UI academic calendar for exact dates)

**July Degree Candidates**
- June Deadline: Submit Application for Graduation to Graduation Analysis, Registrar’s Office, 1 Jessup Hall (see UI academic calendar for exact date)
Deadlines for Fall Internships and December Degree Candidates

April

- Communicate with Internship Coordinator concerning Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19)

May

- First Monday in May: Deadline to submit completed form, Academic Eligibility for Internship, and necessary attachments (see form, page 17) to Internship Coordinator
- Third Monday in May: Deadline to submit completed form, Student Request for Approval of Internship Position (see form, page 19) to Internship Coordinator
- Last weekday in May: Deadline to submit form, Agency Acceptance of Intern (see form, page 21) and copy of agency supervisor’s NCTRC certification, copies of certifications – First Aid, CPR, and Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training
- Register for TR:4191 Internship I for semester hours credit through academic advisor and ISIS (see UI academic calendar for exact dates)

December Degree Candidates

- October Deadline: Submit Application for Graduation to Graduation Analysis, Registrar’s Office, 1 Jessup Hall (see UI academic calendar for exact date)

Part II: TR:4191 Internship I

Course Description

Internship is an active service learning course designed to apply theory, concepts, models and technical/clinical skills in the professional practice setting. The internship course is usually taken during the final semester of undergraduate study in the major. The setting for the course is an agency under the close supervision of professionals who are both credentialed and practice in the student’s emphasis area of study. The Agency Supervisor evaluates the Intern from the practice perspective and the University Supervisor evaluates the Intern from the academic perspective.

Successful completion of this course can help prepare a candidate for professional certification exams such as Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS).

Semester Hours Credit

4169:191 Internship I is offered to eligible students for a minimum of 12 semester hours, requiring at least 14 consecutive weeks or 560 contact hours.

Tuition fees for TR:4191 Internship I are based on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences undergraduate tuition fee schedule as established by the Iowa Board of Regents.

NCTRC Criteria

In order to satisfy NCTRC criteria, Therapeutic Recreation internships must be at least 14 consecutive weeks in length. Vacations and other release time may not occur during the 14 consecutive week period. Therapeutic Recreation students are encouraged to review guidelines for certification by the NCTRC.  www.nctrc.org
Internship Coordinator and University Supervisors

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University Supervisors
University Supervisors are appointed on a semester by semester basis. Students and agency supervisors are informed of university supervisors shortly before the internships are scheduled to begin.

Sequencing of Internship

Since the internship is designed to enable the student to apply coursework to the practice setting, the internship is usually taken during the final semester of undergraduate study in the Program.

Internships are available for students in fall, spring and summer semesters. Students should plan their academic schedules accordingly.

Internship Objectives

The internship is an academic course that meets partial requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in the Therapeutic Recreation Program.

In order to complete the internship successfully, the student must satisfy the following course objectives.

By the end of the academic session of the internship, the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate that he or she has integrated theory with practice in his or her academic area of study.
- Broaden his or her philosophy and understanding of therapeutic recreation.
- Gain an understanding and appreciation of the roles, duties, legal and ethical responsibilities of a full-time professional in therapeutic recreation.
- Become proficient in specific technical or clinical skills of his or her therapeutic recreation.
- Observe and gain experience in leadership, supervisory, or administrative functions and in human relations.
- Complete an internship project that compliments the mission of the agency.
- Evaluate his or her strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies for improvement.
- Refine his or her professional writing abilities.
- Meet minimal competencies stated in evaluation forms.
- Complete all written reports and assignments as described below.

Required Resource

Written Reports and Assignments

Each student will prepare progress reports (usually five), submit a midterm and final evaluation, prepare a final intern report, and complete an internship project. The Agency Supervisor will review each report before it is submitted for evaluation to the University Supervisor. Each written assignment must be typed and double-spaced.

Prior to the beginning of the internship a Schedule of Assignments and Evaluations will be scheduled by the University Supervisor and the Agency Supervisor, and communicated to Intern.

Progress Reports
Progress Reports are prepared by the student. Forms for each Progress Report are located on-line, http://clas.uiowa.edu/hhp/tracks/therapeutic-recreation/internships. A maximum of six Progress Reports may be scheduled by the University Supervisor during the internship. The deadline for the First Progress Report is preferred at the end of the second week of the internship.

Internship Project
The student must satisfactorily complete a major project during the internship. The Agency Supervisor and the University Supervisor must approve the project.

In each Progress Report, the student should describe the status of the project as requested in the written assignment section. The student reports on the completion of the project in the Final Intern Report. The student provides printed materials related to the project to the University Supervisor.

Final Intern Report
The student will complete a Final Intern Report and turn it into the Internship Coordinator by the scheduled date.

Intern Journal or Daily Log
Keeping a journal or daily log during the internship is a highly recommended method of documentation. Many agencies require that the intern keep a journal or daily log during the internship. Recording of activities, clients served, professional contacts made, successes, challenges, reflections, application of coursework to practice, and areas for improvement facilitates the preparation of Progress Reports. It also serves as a means to document specific experiences for the student as he or she prepares for employment interviews and updates his/her resume.

Evaluations

University Supervisor's Oral Consultations and Written Comment
The University Supervisor provides feedback and written comments periodically during the internship. If the agency is within a two hours commuting distance, the University Supervisor should visit the Intern and Agency Supervisor during the internship.

Agency Supervisor’s Evaluations
The Agency Supervisor completes the following evaluations and meets with the student regarding the evaluations prior to the student sending them to the University Supervisor.

- Agency Supervisor’s Evaluations of Progress (maximum of six)
- Agency Supervisor’s Mid-Semester Evaluation of Intern’s Performance
- Agency Supervisor’s Final Evaluation of Intern’s Performance
- Agency Supervisor’s Evaluation of Intern’s Project

Forms for each evaluation are located on-line, http://clas.uiowa.edu/hhp/tracks/therapeutic-recreation/internships.
Grading

The grading system for this course is the Satisfactory/Fail (S/F) system of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The final course grade will be awarded as follows:

- Satisfactory = S. Met course objectives as stated in this syllabus and minimal competencies as stated in formal evaluations
- Fail = F. Did not meet course objectives as stated in this syllabus and/or minimal competencies as stated in formal evaluations

Policy on Academic, Professional, and Ethical Misconduct

Plagiarism, cheating, forgery, and violations of professional standards and ethical standards are not tolerated. Any such misconduct may result in termination of the internship, failure of the internship, and/or other serious penalties. If cheating, plagiarism, forgery, or violations of professional standards is suspected then the Internship Coordinator shall follow College of Liberal Arts and Sciences policies and procedures. Please refer to the College’s Student Academic Handbook for specific information on Academic Misconduct. This policy can be accessed at Student Rights and Responsibilities; Academic Fraud, Dishonesty and Cheating: http://www.clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/x/#3.

Student Complaints Concerning Faculty Actions

A student who has a complaint against the Internship Coordinator or the University Supervisor is responsible for following the policy and procedures of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences which is described in the College’s Student Academic Handbook. This policy can be accessed at Student Rights and Responsibilities; Student Complaints Concerning Faculty Actions at. http://www.clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/x/#5.

Infectious Diseases Immunizations

Because each undergraduate emphasis area in the Program focuses on human services, nearly all students during their internships and careers will be exposed to blood and other body fluids and to communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, and rubella. It is to the personal and professional advantage of each undergraduate student preparing for an internship to be current in his or her immunizations for infectious diseases. Immunizations can be obtained through the student’s personal physician or through Student Health Services (335-8370).

Internship agencies increasingly are requiring immunizations against selected diseases such as hepatitis B, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, and polio. Some immunizations, such as hepatitis B require a series of three injections that span a period of six months. It is the student’s responsibility to meet these professional standards.

OSHA Standards

Some internship agencies require that interns meet selected OSHA before the internship begins. Other sites take interns through an orientation and provide the needed training and procedures, sometimes at a small cost to the intern.
Fall, Spring, and Summer Internships

Therapeutic Recreation internships are offered during fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students should plan their academic schedules accordingly.

Variances in dates are usually necessary for summer internships when the internships are for 12 semester hours credit. Students who start summer internships at the beginning of the University’s traditional summer session and who are progressing satisfactorily and on schedule but who will not complete their internship before the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduation date for summer session will receive a grade of Incomplete (I) until all internship responsibilities are fulfilled. Upon satisfactory completion of the summer internship a permanent grade will be given prior to conferring the degree for summer graduation. Should a spring semester internship extend beyond the date for graduation, this same procedure will be followed prior to conferring the degree for graduation.

Withdrawal of Internship Supervision

Frequently there is a period of time in which a student may begin an approved internship before grade reports of the academic session immediately preceding the internship are available for review by academic advisors. If the grades earned do not meet the established standards and the student has begun the internship, then university supervision will be withdrawn and no academic credit will be earned for the experience.

Examples of other situations that could warrant withdrawal of internship supervision relate to violations of the law, violations of ethical conduct, and failure to comply with the rules, regulations, and procedures set forth by the agency where the student is interning. Please refer to the section, Policy on Academic, Professional and Ethical Misconduct in this Manual.

Should internship supervision be withdrawn, then the student should contact his or her Academic Advisor to coordinate a revised academic plan of study. The student must withdraw their university registration for the internship course. Failure to withdraw registration of 4169:191 will convert to course grade(s) of F.

Responsibilities of the Intern, University and Agency

The following lists responsibilities and expectations of each party during the internship:

University to the Intern and the Agency
- Assign a University Supervisor for the internship
- Make contact with the Agency Supervisor at the beginning of the internship and periodically thereafter
- Make oral and/or written contact with the Intern periodically throughout the internship
- Evaluate and provide feedback on written progress reports completed by the Intern
- Maintain open communication with the Agency Supervisor pertaining to the internship, especially in the event that problems arise
- Make a site visit during the internship to observe the Intern at agencies within two hours commuting distance from Iowa City
- Comply with conditions set forth in the institutional affiliation agreement between the Agency and University
• Provide a Student Malpractice Professional Liability Insurance Program for the Intern with $1,000,000 per occurrence/$3,000,000 in the aggregate
• Provide guidance to the Agency with respect to complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
• Provide a current copy of the Internship Manual via the Therapeutic Recreation website, http://clas.uiowa.edu/hhp/tracks/therapeutic-recreation/internships

Intern to the University
• Inform the Internship Coordinator of address, phone, e-mail and name changes. This responsibility begins at the time the student submits the Request for Academic Eligibility form and continues through the end of the internship
• Pay University bills promptly. The student must comply with financial agreements with the University, including payment of tuition, in order to be eligible to earn semester hours credit. Failure to pay a University bill will jeopardize the student’s status as an intern
• Satisfy internship course objectives
• Complete all progress reports and the internship project according to the guidelines and in a timely manner
• Make revisions in written reports as suggested by the University Supervisor
• Consult with University Supervisor on issues relating to course objectives, requirements, and deadlines
• Conduct self in professional manner, both legally and ethically. The actions of the intern reflect on the Program, The University of Iowa, and the Agency.
• Comply with conditions set forth in the Internship Manual and the procedures and policies of the Program’s internship program

Intern to the Agency
• Provide appropriate forms to the Agency Supervisor that are required by the Program
• Comply with conditions set forth in the Internship Manual and the procedures and policies of the Agency’s internship program
• Conform with regulations pertaining to interns of the agency and carry out all assignments
• Maintain client confidentiality
• Evaluate each day’s activities, interactions, and events
• Prepare for a weekly meeting with the Agency Supervisor. Ask questions and present constructive ideas
• Plan thoroughly and in advance for all assignments
• Present a copy of each Progress Report to Agency Supervisor well in advance of due dates
• Notify the Agency Supervisor well in advance in cases of absence from the internship
• Be respectful, courteous, and tactful to co-workers and clients
• Consult with the Agency Supervisor when confronted with problems that cannot be solved alone
• Consider self as a member of the Agency work team

Agency to the Intern and to the University
• Complete an agreement that delineates general responsibilities, dates and hours of work, and the student’s role and responsibilities in the Agency
• Present to the Intern an overview of the Agency’s purposes, policies, administration, program, and facilities
• Confer with the Intern prior to and during the internship to determine his/her responsibilities
• Inform the Intern of all regulations he or she must follow
• Present the Intern to the Agency staff as a colleague to insure his or her status
• Orient the Intern to the community including its political, religious, economic, social and ethnic background
• Gradually induct the Intern into the internship experience, beginning with observations and minor duties, adding more responsibilities as the semester continues
• Meet with the Intern on a weekly basis for the purpose of discussing the Intern’s progress and the appropriateness of the Intern’s responsibilities
• Maintain open communication with the University Supervisor pertaining to the internship, especially in the event of problems
• Evaluate and provide suggestions to the Intern on each Progress Report the Intern submits to the University Supervisor
• Complete the evaluations provided in the Internship Manual and review them with the Intern. The evaluations are then faxed to the University Supervisor:
  ◊ Progress Report Evaluations by Agency Supervisor (maximum of six)
  ◊ Mid-Semester Evaluation by Agency Supervisor
  ◊ Final Evaluation of Intern by Agency Supervisor
  ◊ Final Evaluation of Intern’s Project by Agency Supervisor
• Comply with conditions set forth in the institutional affiliation agreement between the Agency and University
• Acknowledge that many student educational records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and that student permission must be obtained before releasing specific student data to anyone other than the University

Risk Management

University Liability Insurance Program
The University of Iowa provides a Student Malpractice Blanket Liability Insurance Program for students in internships that are required as part of their academic program. A description of the insurance program is provided on the following page and may be copied for reference at the agency in the student intern’s file. Agencies that require a certificate of insurance of the University’s liability insurance program for interns should contact the Program’s Internship Coordinator.

Supplementary Liability Information
Some agencies require the intern to hold professional liability coverage beyond that provided by the University. Professional liability coverage is available through many sources with varying coverage and costs. Examples of some sources include special policies through professional organizations and special plans through insurance companies. The Program Internship Coordinator has information on professional liability plans through professional organizations.

University of Iowa Student Malpractice Professional Liability Insurance Program for Students in Internships, Practicums, Externships, Training Programs
Professional liability insurance will be provided for insured students while participating in practicums, internships, and training programs required as a part of their academic program. Upon student’s enrollment in the insurance program, the policy will provide up to: $1,000,000 per occurrence/$3,000,000 in the aggregate for claims arising from any real or alleged act of negligence by
the student while participating in required training, practicum, or internship programs of The University of Iowa.

**Professional Liability.** The insurance company will pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages because of bodily injury, property damage, personal injury to which this insurance applies in the conduct of the profession of the named insured, caused by an incident which occurs during the policy period. The policy includes the cost of defense, court costs, settlements and judgments. There is no deductible. Company provides expert legal counsel and claims adjusters.

**Insureds.** Students enrolled in the insurance, while participating in activities which are a part of or a requirement of the student’s curriculum.

**Exclusions.** No coverage is provided for personal liability, (i.e., automobile, health) unrelated business or a profession not specifically listed on student’s enrollment.

Professional liability protection is provided during the term of the student’s internship as required for their academic program.

The above is only a brief summary of the coverage. For further details, please contact The University of Iowa’s Department of Risk Management, Insurance and Loss Prevention, 430 Plaza Centre One, 319-335-0010.

In the event of any incident that is likely to result in a claim, the student and/or the Program should notify the University of Iowa’s Department of Risk Management, Insurance and Loss Prevention, 319-335-0010 immediately. The insurance company requires immediate notification regarding claims, demands, summons, notice of suit, or incidents.

**Compensation and Benefits**

The student earns a significant number of semester hours credit for the internship and the student derives significant career growth opportunities during the internship. Therefore, the University does not endorse paid salary compensation from the agency to the student intern. The student is expected to bear all expenses incidental to living in the area of the internship and to make satisfactory housing and commuting arrangements to carry out the assignments. However, some agencies offer to assist students through honorarium stipends, housing, meals, parking, commuter expenses, insurance, membership benefits, professional meeting expenses, and other benefits. Benefits such as these may be offered to the student.

**Institutional Affiliation Agreements**

An Institutional Affiliation Agreement will be initiated by the University after the receipt of the Agency Acceptance of Intern form. This should take place at least two months before the internship is scheduled to start. This allows the document to be reviewed, amended, and approved by the Agency’s and University’s legal counsel before the start date of the internship.
Students with the most rewarding internships are those students that have prepared well for their internships. Communication is the single most important element in a successful internship experience. The following are guidelines for the student as he or she prepares for an internship that has been approved:

- Write letter of acceptance to approved internship and letters of decline to other agencies that offered internship
- Review overall responsibilities of Intern, Agency, and University stated in the Internship Manual and provided by the Agency
- Update Agency Supervisor, Internship Coordinator, and University Supervisor with phone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses
- Review textbooks, course notes, handouts and other course materials prior to internship. Use these resources during internship
- Review Internship Manual in its entirety including forms for progress reports, agency supervisor reports, and internship project
- Review mission statement, annual report, procedures manual, and other materials provided by Agency. Use these resources during internship.
- Draft internship goals prior to start date and seek input from Agency Supervisor and University Supervisor
- Meet with Agency Supervisor before start date to clarify responsibilities
- Meet with University Supervisor before start date to clarify responsibilities
- Plan appropriate attire for the internship. Dress professionally according to the culture of the agency
- Arrange for housing, commuting, and finances during internship

**Deadlines During Internship**

The Internship Coordinator and University Supervisor will provide the student and agency with a schedule of deadlines for progress reports, agency supervisor evaluations, and the final intern report. See section titled Written Reports and Assignments in this Manual.

The student must consult with the Agency Supervisor regarding deadlines established by the Agency.

**Deadlines for Certification Examinations**

Students interested in professional certifications in their area of study should be very familiar with all requirements for certification prior to the internship experience so that the internship is in accordance with specified requirements. Before the internship begins students should contact faculty to obtain information on the certification processes in their profession and should request application materials from the national certifying agencies before the internship begins. For the CTRS credential, go to www.nctrc.org, click on “Standards” and review the description of an acceptable “Field Placement” (internship).
Part III: Checklists and Forms

Student Internship Process

Although the sequencing of events in the internship process varies among individual students, there are steps that must be accomplished in each of four phases. Students are responsible to achieve each step in a timely manner and to retain a copy of all documents for their personal files.

The following list outlines the steps that include, but are not limited to, each phase of the internship process. For further information on each step the student should see the corresponding section of this Manual.

Pre-Internship

_____ Complete emphasis area foundation and emphasis area elective courses satisfying the requirements and achieve the minimum grade point averages.
_____ Complete and secure verification of volunteer and paid pre-internship work experiences
_____ Complete TR:4190 Pre-Internship Seminar
_____ Actively search for internship possibilities that meet career aspirations
_____ Complete certification in First Aid and CPR – must be current through the entire internship experience
_____ Complete Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training, a Non-Violent Crisis Intervention® program
_____ Update resume and references
_____ Submit Academic Eligibility for Internship form and necessary attachments for academic advisor approval
_____ Complete search and interviews for internship position and select site
_____ Complete Student Request for Approval of Internship Position form
_____ Submit to agency the Agency Acceptance of Intern form and request form be returned to you
_____ Register for TR:4191 Internship I for the semester of internship

Internship Preparation/Experience

_____ Comply with guidelines for Student Preparation for Approved Internship
_____ Follow Internship Manual through internship
_____ Comply with policies and procedures of internship program during internship

Graduation Preparation

_____ Complete outstanding degree requirements, if applicable
_____ Make application for graduation to Registrar's Office
_____ Graduate!
PRE-INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM
Therapeutic Recreation Program
The University of Iowa

Please consult the Program’s Undergraduate Internship Manual for more information regarding the criteria for pre-internship experiences.

A separate verification form is required for each type of volunteer and paid experience. Students should make a photocopy of each form after the academic advisor has signed the form.

Part I (Completed by Student)
Student name ____________________________ Current date ____________
Type of setting (e.g., hospital, nursing home, park, recreation center) ____________________________
Agency name ____________________________________________
Agency director name ____________________________ Agency phone ____________________________
Agency street address ____________________________ City ____________ State ____________ Zip ____________
Description of responsibilities (use other side, if needed) ____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________
How did the experience relate to therapeutic recreation? ____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________
Experience was: (check one) ______ volunteer ________ paid
Start date ____________ End date ____________ (month/day/yr)
Total number of hours completed ____________

Part II (Completed by Agency)
According to our records the above information:
_____ is accurate and the student’s service with our agency is verified. 
_____ is not accurate and service with our agency cannot be verified.
Signature ____________________________________________ Date ____________________________
Title ____________________________________________

Part III (Completed by Academic Advisor)
_____ Experience satisfies partial fulfillment of volunteer and work experience requirement.
_____ Experience does not satisfy partial fulfillment of volunteer and work experience requirement.
Signature ____________________________________________ Date ____________________________
Academic Eligibility for Internship Form

**Instructions:** Attach the following documents to this form and submit to your Academic Advisor:

- **Current** degree audit form printed from ISIS. Grade report is not acceptable.
- Completed Preinternship Experience Verification Forms (400 hours)
- Updated resume and list of references
- Copy of certification in First Aid/CPR (at least Community and First Aid Safety Level)
- Copy of Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training

After your Advisor completes the form he or she will return it to you. It is your responsibility to submit this form to the Internship Coordinator. See Deadlines for Internship Approval in this Manual. There are no exceptions to these deadlines. Failure to meet the deadline may result in postponement of the internship.

**Part I (Completed by student)**

**Intended Semester of the Internship ____________________________________________**

Name __________________________________________________ Student ID ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ___________ Zip ______________

Phone ( ) _________________ Cell Phone ( ) _________________ E-mail _________________

List three agencies where you would like to have your internship. If no preferences, indicate type of setting and/or population group you would prefer.

1. 
2. 
3. 

**Part II (Completed with Academic Advisor)**

**TR Foundation Courses**

1. Will all TR required coursework be completed by the end of the current semester? _____yes _____no

2. Has a passing grade been earned in each course? _____yes_____no

3. If no to either question, what is the plan to correct this deficiency? ________________________________

**TR Elective Courses**

1. Will the TR Elective Courses be completed by the end of the current semester? _____yes_____no

2. Has a passing grade been earned in each course? _____yes_____no

3. Will the following courses be completed by the end of the current semester:

   Human Anatomy (HHP:1100),
   Human Development through the Lifespan (HHP:2130) OR Human Development & Behavior (NURS:1030),
   Abnormal Psychology (PSY:2930 or PSY:3320) _____yes_____no
Academic Eligibility for Internship Form

Grades and Semester Hours

1. Overall GPA (2.0 minimum) ________
2. Major GPA (2.0 minimum) ________
3. By the end of the current semester, how many semester hours will this student have earned toward a degree? ________ hours
4. With the internship semester hours, will the student meet at least one of the three UI residence requirements for his or her degree? ________ yes ________ no
5. Will the student qualify as a degree candidate during the semester that he or she intends to take the internship? ________ yes ________ no
6. Will the student meet the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' rules for number of "S" courses? ________ yes ________ no
7. Will the student meet the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' rules for no more than 50 semester hours from a single department? ________ yes ________ no
8. CPR/First Aid certification is completed? ________ yes ________ no
9. Has the student completed 400 hours of pre-internship volunteer/work? ________ yes ________ no

Academic Approval of Internship

_______ Granted, contingent on successful completion of current semester coursework
_______ Postponed, based on deficiencies above.
_______ Denied, based on deficiencies above.

Comments:

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ______________________

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Student Request for Approval of Internship Position
To be Completed by the Student

Instructions: Complete this two-page form, attaching additional information as needed. Submit this request to the Internship Coordinator. Deadlines for this form are as follows:
For Spring Internships: Third Monday in November
For Summer Internships: Third Monday in April
For Fall Internships: Third Monday in May

Failure to meet the deadline may result in postponement of the internship.

Intended Semester of Internship______Spring 20____  _____Summer 20____

Number of semester hours intended for internship experience:______12____ Other, specify ______

Student Name________________________________________________________

Student Address____________________________________________________________
City___________________________State_________________________Zip________________

Until when will you be living at the above address?____________________________________

Phone where you can be reached ________________________________

E-mail __________________________________________________________

Permanent Address________________________________________________________
City___________________________State_________________________Zip________________

Permanent Phone ________________________________

Agency Name ________________________________
Agency Address ________________________________
City___________________________State_________________________Zip________________

Agency Mission (Attach additional narrative if needed) _______________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
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Has the Agency had experience with undergraduate interns in your area of study?_____yes____no
Student Request for Internship Position Approval

Does the agency currently have an Institutional Affiliation Agreement between the agency and the University of Iowa? _______yes_______no_______unknown

Agency Supervisor ____________________________________________________________
Agency Supervisor Title_____________________________ Phone _______________________
Fax__________________________ E-mail ______________________________________________

Qualifications of Supervisor (e.g., bachelor’s degree or higher, professional degree, professional credentials, previous experience supervising undergraduate interns). Attach additional narrative if needed.

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How long has this supervisor been employed at this agency? __________________________

Describe the responsibilities you would have as an intern at this agency. Attach additional narrative if needed.

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How would these responsibilities apply to your academic background? Attach additional narrative if needed.

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Student Signature________________________________________________ Date ________________
Agency Acceptance of Intern
Therapeutic Recreation Program
The University of Iowa
To be completed by the agency

Agency name__________________________

Agency Address______________________________________________________________

City _______________________________ State ___________ ZIP code __________

Phone _______________________________ Fax _________________________________

E-Mail Address____________________________________________________________

An interview has been completed with ____________________ on ________________

We will accept this student for an internship placement during the following time period:
____ Spring Semester 20___ _______ Summer Session 20___ _______ Fall Semester 20___

The starting date of the internship will be ______________________

The ending date of the internship will be________________________

The student will intern ______ weeks at a minimum of ______ hours per week. To satisfy the 12 semester hours of course credit, the Intern will commit at least 560 contact hours over 14 consecutive weeks to the Agency during the internship. The Intern’s responsibilities are described below or are attached to this document.

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What skills/certifications/licenses/vaccinations/physical exams are required for the internship position?

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Agency Acceptance of Intern

Agency Supervisor

The student intern’s Agency Supervisor will be:

Name of Supervisor ____________________________________________________________
Title ___________________________________________ E-Mail Address __________________
Phone Number ___________________________ Fax Number ____________________________

Note: The supervisor must be a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Please attach a copy of current NCTRC Certification Certificate.

Institutional Affiliation Agreement

An Institutional Affiliation Agreement is required between the Agency and the University of Iowa when internships earn academic credit.

Does the Agency have a current agreement? _____ yes _____ no _____ unknown

If no or unknown, who should the University contact to initiate such an agreement?

Name ___________________________________________ Title ______________________________
Phone ___________________________ E-Mail _______________________________ Fax __________

Professional Liability Insurance

The University of Iowa provides professional liability insurance for students participating in internships as a part of their academic program. Coverage includes $1,000,000 per occurrence/$3,000,000 in the aggregate for claims arising from any real or alleged act of negligence by the student while participating in required internship programs.

Does the Agency require the student to carry additional professional liability insurance? ___ yes ___ no

Does the Agency’s liability insurance cover interns? ___ yes ___ no

Other Benefits

Does the Agency provide interns with a stipend, meals, housing, parking, and/or other benefits? _____ yes _____ no . If yes, what specific benefits are provided?

Note: Because the internship is for academic credit, students may not be paid wages as an employee.

Agency Supervisor’s Signature _______________________________ Date ________________
The Intern is responsible for submitting the assignments no later than the dates listed below. This Schedule is to be completed by the Intern and Agency Supervisor with approval from the University Supervisor. Return one signed copy to the University Supervisor and retain a copy for the Agency’s files.

Start Date: _________________________  End Date: ____________________________

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Intern: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone/E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

Agency: __________________________________________________________________________

Agency Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Agency Supervisor: __________________________________________________________________

Phone/E-mail: ______________________________________________________________________
Therapeutic Recreation Internship Progress Report #______

Intern name ____________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________(work) ___________________________(home)

Report period from ________________________ to ________________________ (month/day/year)

Distribution of hours:

_______ Orientation
_______ Observing
_______ Meetings (e.g. staffings, working with the team, etc)
_______ Lectures, Seminars, Conferences
_______ Assessment
_______ Planning (activity analysis, goals and objectives, etc)
_______ Studying/Researching

Implementation:

_______ a. Therapy
_______ b. Teaching
_______ c. Leadership
_______ d. Counseling
_______ e. Supervision

_______ Evaluation
_______ Documentation
_______ Discharge/Transition Plans
_______ Other (Please specify)

_______ Total clock hours this report period

Intern’s written assignment and Agency Supervisor’s evaluation are attached with this page.

When completed, send to University Supervisor according to the directions (scan and e-mail or fax) discussed prior to start of internship.

Agency Supervisor Signature __________________________________________________Date __________

Intern Signature ____________________________________________________________ Date __________
Assignment

The Written Assignment is to be completed by Intern and presented to the Agency Supervisor before the Supervisor completes the “Agency Supervisor’s Evaluation of Intern’s Progress” (page 3 of 3).

Written Assignment:
Write a three- to five-page report, typed double-spaced, and include the following:

1. List at least five goals that you want to achieve by the end of your internship.
   - Write the goals so that they are specific and measurable.
   - Each goal must state clearly what you want to achieve, how you will achieve the goal, and how you will measure your success.
   - The goals should relate to your development of competency as a recreational therapist.

2. Compare and contrast the nature and scope of the agency with the standards of your profession and with your internship goals. This part of the assignment is to include:
   - A description of the purpose and goals of the agency where you are interning.
   - The population that is served by the agency and the services provided to the population.
   - A description of the organizational structure of the agency, the funding sources, and the agency’s role in the community.
   - A description of how the scope and nature of the agency compliments and/or contrasts with: 1) the standards of your profession and 2) your own internship goals.

3. Describe the major project you will complete during your internship.
   - Describe the purpose of the project.
   - Relate how you and your agency supervisor determined the project.
   - Outline how you intend to: 1) assess the needs related to the project;, 2) plan (design) the project, 3) implement the project, and 4) how you will evaluate the effectiveness of the project.
   - Provide a timetable or time line for each of the four phases of the project (assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation).
   - Describe how the completion of the major project will enhance your career preparation.
Assignment

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**Written Assignment:**
Write a three- to five-page report, typed, double-spaced, and include the following:

1. What activities and experiences did you have that relate to your internship goals?
2. What other important activities and experiences did you have during this report period that did not relate to your internship goals?
3. What progress did you make with your major project during this report period? Are there changes that were made in the project plan? If so, then what are those changes and why were the changes necessary?
4. What principles, concepts, models and theories that you learned during your coursework in Leisure Studies were applied during this report period? Give examples.
5. What challenges or problems did you encounter and how did you handle them? If these challenges or problems happen again then how will you handle them?
6. What additional information did you learn about the agency’s policies and programs?
7. Attach copies of any flyers, reports, news releases, newsletters, analyses, research or other items you have prepared during this report period.
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7. Attach copies of any flyers, reports, news releases, newsletters, analyses, research or other items you have prepared during this report period.

To offer variety and to enhance the educational experience, you may choose from the following list of potential alternative topics for Progress Reports 3, 4, 5, or suggest a new topic.

- Write a history of the Agency.
- Write a personal profile of Agency Supervisor. What led her/him to this field? What does she/he find most rewarding? Challenging? How does this type of "work" connect with who she/he is, etc.?
- Write a case study of a client.
- Describe a variation of an activity you utilized to accommodate a participant.
- Visit another Agency (compare and contrast).
- Describe a "typical" day.
- Describe how you modified a specific activity or environment for a client.
- Write a case study of a client's family member.
- Place yourself in the "shoes" of your client and pretend "this is me". Do you feel a sense of inclusion and independence? Are your personal wishes being taken into account? Would you be happy? What, if any, things would you want changed?
- Pretend that you were suddenly placed in charge of your Agency. How would you use your unique personality, talents, and education to serve your staff and clients?
- Describe how your "academic" vision of therapeutic recreation compares to its practical application in an internship setting.

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Assignment

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**Agency Supervisor's Evaluation of Intern's Progress**

Agency Supervisor completes and discusses with Intern. Supervisor sends copy to University Supervisor, retaining original. Update this document to follow the student's progression. Attach any additional comments.

Based on the intern's performance and the written assignment during this report period, please evaluate the student on the following criteria:

4 = Exceeds expectations; 3 = Meets expectations; 2 = Improvement needed; 1 = Unsatisfactory; NA = Not applicable

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Report #1 ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)

Report #2 ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)

Report #3 ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)

Report #4 ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)

Report #5 ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)

Optional ____________________________ (Supervisor Signature/Date) ____________________________ (Intern Signature/Date)
Agency Supervisor’s Mid-Semester Evaluation 
of Intern’s Performance 
Therapeutic Recreation Program 
The University of Iowa

This Evaluation is to be completed by the agency supervisor and discussed with the intern prior to submission to the university supervisor.

Intern Name ____________________________________________________________

Agency _________________________ Agency Supervisor ___________________

Based on the intern’s performance during the first one-half of the semester, rate the student on the competencies listed below. Please use the following scale and place the appropriate number in the space provided before each statement. Then, please provide written comments and/or observations about the intern’s performance. Thank you.

NA = Not applicable  2 = Improvement needed  4 = Good
1 = Unacceptable      3 = Average           5 = Superior

Knowledge Competencies

_____ Objectives: Based on the job description of the intern position, the intern is meeting specified criteria and is fulfilling the Agency’s goals as outlined.

- Intern’s Goals and Project: Intern’s progress toward goal attainment and project completion is appropriate.

_____ Application of Knowledge: Applies previously learned academic content to the work setting.

_____ Processing: Actively applies assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation steps to work assignments.

_____ Organization Skills: Displays ability to analyze complex situations and problems to systematic knowledge and takes appropriate courses of action.

_____ Technical/Clinical Skills: Demonstrates appropriate development of technical and/or clinical skills.

_____ Leadership Skills: Demonstrates appropriate development of the ability to supervise, to lead and direct people, programs, and/or resources.


Interpersonal Competencies

_____ Oral Communication: Communicates ideas and feelings to others in easily understandable fashion. Oral communication is clear and effective.

_____ Written Communication: Presents clear, concise, and thorough written work. Grammar and spelling are appropriate.
Empathy: Displays empathy toward clients, supervisors, coworkers.

Respect: Demonstrates respect and tact with clients, supervisors, and coworkers.

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Agency Supervisor’s Mid-Semester Evaluation of Intern’s Performance

Professional Attitudes and Behaviors

Professional Attitude and Behavior: Intern displays positive, optimistic and constructive attitude. Remains calm and composed, especially in times of strain and anxiety.

Adaptability: Adjusts to new situations, new clients, new staff, changes in assignments.

Creativity: Displays imagination, ingenuity, creativity with common sense.

Motivation, Enthusiasm, Initiative: Demonstrates motivation and enthusiasm for work responsibilities, and initiative when appropriate.

Time Management: Demonstrates desirable work habits (e.g., consistently on time, reliable, completes assignments in efficient manner).

Professional Judgment

Professional Judgment: Analyzes situations and makes appropriate comments, advice and decisions in relation to the goals of the Agency.

Constructive Criticism: Accepts constructive criticism.

Supervision: Seeks/accepts direct and indirect supervision when appropriate.

Ethics: Follows ethical standards of the profession and the Agency.

General Comments and/or Observations:

Agency Supervisor Signature        Date        Intern Signature        Date
Agency Supervisor’s Evaluation
of Intern’s Project
Therapeutic Recreation Program
The University of Iowa

Intern Name ____________________________

Agency ____________________________ Agency Supervisor ____________________________

This Evaluation is to be completed by the agency supervisor and discussed with the intern prior to submission to the university supervisor.

Please evaluate the intern’s performance as related to the Intern Project using the guidelines listed below. Did the intern:

• Assess the need for the project?
• Plan or design the project?
• Implement the project?
• Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the project?
• Conduct research on the project?
• Present written work related to the project?
• Work independently on the project?
• Work cooperatively with others as necessary on the project?
• Plan his or her work in advance so that work on the project could be spaced appropriately throughout the internship?

Was the project a learning experience for the intern?
Was the project of value to the agency or program?

Use the following rating scale:

Excellent
Above Average
Satisfactory
Below Average
Poor
Project is exemplary
Project exceeds expectations
Project meets minimum standards
Project failed to meet expectations
Project is unacceptable

RATING: ____________________________

Comments and/or observations: (attach on back side of this page)

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Agency Supervisor          Date          Intern                         Date
This Evaluation is to be completed by the Agency Supervisor and discussed with the Intern prior to submission to the University Supervisor.

Intern Name ____________________________________________________________

Agency __________________________ Agency Supervisor ______________________

Based on the intern’s performance during the entire internship, rate the student on the competencies listed below. Please use the following scale and place the appropriate number in the space provided before each statement. Then, please provide written comments and/or observations about the intern’s performance. Thank you.

NA = Not Applicable  
1 = Unacceptable  
2 = Improvement Needed  
3 = Average  
4 = Good  
5 = Superior

Knowledge Competencies

_____ Objectives: Based on the job description of the intern position, the intern met specified criteria and fulfilled the Agency’s goals as outlined.

_____ Intern’s Goals and Project: Intern’s progress toward goal attainment and project completion was appropriate.

_____ Application of Knowledge: Applied previously learned academic content to the work setting.

_____ Processing: Actively applied assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation steps to work assignments.

_____ Organization Skills: Displayed ability to analyze complex situations and problems to systematic knowledge and took appropriate courses of action.

_____ Technical/Clinical Skills: Demonstrated appropriate development of technical and/or clinical skills.

_____ Leadership Skills: Demonstrated appropriate development of the ability to supervise, to lead and direct people, programs, and/or resources.


Interpersonal Competencies

_____ Oral Communication: Communicated ideas and feelings to others in easily understandable fashion. Oral communication was clear and effective.

_____ Written Communication: Presented clear, concise, and thorough written work. Grammar and spelling were appropriate.

_____ Empathy: Displayed empathy toward clients, supervisors, coworkers.

_____ Respect: Demonstrated respect and tact with clients, supervisors, and coworkers.

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Professional Attitudes and Behaviors

_____ Professional Attitude and Behavior: Intern displayed positive, optimistic and constructive attitude. Remained calm and composed, especially in times of strain and anxiety.

_____ Adaptability: Adjusted to new situations, new clients, new staff, changes in assignments.

_____ Creativity: Displayed imagination, ingenuity, creativity with common sense.

_____ Motivation, Enthusiasm, Initiative: Demonstrated motivation and enthusiasm for work responsibilities, and initiative when appropriate.

_____ Time Management: Demonstrated desirable work habits (e.g., consistently on time, reliable, completes assignments in efficient manner).

Professional Judgment

_____ Professional Judgment: Analyzed situations and made appropriate comments, advice and decisions in relation to the goals of the Agency.

_____ Constructive Criticism: Accepted constructive criticism.

_____ Supervision: Sought/accepted direct and indirect supervision when appropriate.

_____ Ethics: Followed ethical standards of the profession and the Agency.

General Comments and/or Observations:
My attitude toward retention of this student for my staff, if a position were available, is as follows:

_____ Particularly wish to retain

_____ Pleased to retain

_____ Satisfied to retain

_____ Prefer not to retain

Please supplement the above rating with a brief narrative statement noting characteristics or abilities that will particularly qualify, or problems that will affect the student for the profession. Thank you.
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Intern Name __________________________
Phone __________________________
Forwarding address __________________________
Forwarding e-mail address __________________________

Written Assignment:
Write a report, typed, double spaced, and include all of the following:

Overall Evaluation of Internship Experience
• On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the worst and 10 being the best, how do you rate the internship experience at this agency? Why?
• Would you recommend this internship position to other interns? Why or why not? Please be specific.
• What changes would you suggest to make the internship experience more meaningful?

Congratulations!

Intern’s written assignment should be attached with this page.

Signature of intern __________________________ Date ____________