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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

PRE-HEALTH INTERNSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF Cincinnati
What is the **Pre-Health Internship Program** in ProPEL?

Students enrolled in the Pre-Health Internship Program are prepared to responsibly engage in work in a healthcare setting. They start by taking the PD 3040/1000: Exploring Health Professions course to gain a deeper understanding of health professions, professional development, ethical behaviors, and cultural competency. As a part of the course, students also prepare a competitive application to a health professions program and earn HIPPA and blood borne pathogen certification. Upon completion of the PD 3040/1000 course, students engage in real world experience via part-time shadowing, volunteering, and/or paid or unpaid internships in a healthcare setting. Students receive faculty-led instruction and advising during their shadowing, volunteering, or internship experience.

**Key features of the Pre-Health Internship Program:**

- Students from a variety of majors are available year-round, on a semester basis
- The Exploring Health Professions course is the required gateway course for the new Medical Sciences major in the UC College of Medicine
- ProPEL provides a structured, turn-key system for employers and community partners to view resumes, interview students, and extend offers directly to candidates
- Supervisors can connect with a faculty member at any time throughout the semester
- Employers and community partners provide feedback and complete an evaluation of students’ on-the-job performance and progress

**Why offer a learning experience to a UC student with ProPEL?**

We connect employers and community partners with energetic, skilled students interested in healthcare careers—it’s a great first step in developing a collaborative relationship with the university. Employers and community partners can also benefit from:

- Access to talented, enthusiastic students who are eager to learn and contribute
- Ability to build a talent pipeline for full-time recruiting and “try out” prospective long-term hires
- Students add fresh perspectives, new ideas, and diversity to an organization
- Cost-effective solutions for completing seasonal or special projects, or to fill gaps and manage entry-level tasks by freeing up higher level personnel
- Opportunities to build management skills in full-time employees who supervise interns

**What’s required of a Pre-Health Internship provider?**

- Provide a healthcare-related position for the duration of a semester
- Provide supervision and mentoring to the student throughout their work term
- Evaluate student development and performance using UC ProPEL’s online system at the end of the semester
Ready to Connect?

It’s easy — Contact UC ProPEL to get started or for more information:

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UC Quick Facts & Figures:

- Students participate in more than 6,000 co-op and internship experiences annually, across the US and internationally
- UC is the birthplace of co-op; created the model for cooperative education in 1906
- UC ProPEL is listed as a top-10 experiential program by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Named “Public University of the Year” by The Washington Center
- Deemed #1 in the nation for “Return on Educational Investment” by *PolicyMic*
- Named #1 public university in USA for economic impact by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
- Ranked #3 “Up and Coming” university by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Home to top-10 programs in Design, Architecture, and Planning
- UC DAAP named #3 design school in the world by *Business Insider*
- Home to the first International Joint Co-op Institute: Chongqing University in China
- One of America’s top-20 public research institutions, with a student population of more than 40,000