Educational Studies IDS Track Internship

To be eligible for the Educational Studies and <u>Community Leadership B.S. degree IDS Track</u> Internship, students should be entering their final semester and need to have completed all required coursework up to that point. If students are unsure if they are eligible, they should email Pam Wilkins or Pat Roper and they will check to be sure students are eligible. If they are eligible, Pat or Pam will register them for the Internship course. The required hours to complete the internship is 240 total hours.

In the Fall and Spring semesters, students will need to complete the 240 hours over a 16-week semester so it comes out to completing about 15 hours per week. For the summer semester, students will need to complete the 240 hours in 10 weeks, which works out to about 24 hours per week. All students need to complete the SPC College of Ed Internship Application using this link:

https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/31159

Internship Program Dates and Deadlines		
Semester	Dates	Application Window
Fall	August - December (16 weeks)	May 1 - July 10
Spring	January - May (16 weeks)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 10
Summer	May - July (10 weeks)	Feb. 1 - April 10

The student must have someone at their site who will agree to serve as their supervisor and sign off on the record of hours sheets. The Internship class instructor will make one site visit there sometime during the semester. There are some assignments tied to the internship, with the biggest being a research paper based on an issue or problem experienced at the site.

The Ed Studies IDS Track Internship is a non-teaching internship, so students are **NOT** allowed to complete their internships in a K-12 Classroom Setting. The internship *SHOULD* take place somewhere in the field where the student hopes to work once they complete the program. The purpose of the internship is for the student to practice working in the field to see if it is somewhere they would like to work full time once they graduate. For example, a student interested in the field of Human Resources might try to land an internship in the HR department of a local company OR a student interested in becoming a Youth Leader might choose an internship with the local YMCA. Some internships are paid, and some are not, depending upon the placement. If a student is currently working at a job where they wish to work after graduation and the student would like to make this their internship site, they should discuss this with the College of Ed Internship Coordinator. All internship site placement decisions are treated on a case by case basis. Students are encouraged to seek internship placements immediately after being enrolled in the internship course. A variety of resources are available to assist in the internship placement process, including SPC's Handshake, a free service for students, located in MyCourses.