Exercise Science Student Internship

Important information about preparing for an internship, site selection, applying for site placement, student requirements/documents, and the approval process of EXS 490 enrollment

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Preparing for your Internship



Confirm eligibility to apply for internship experience:

- by discussing with advisor to ensure on track to completing program (and general edu) requirements
- Students who have successfully completed EXS 380 and other program requirements are most likely ready for internship experience
- Heading into your final semester before graduating

Site selection:

- Conduct outreach to sites interested in working with
- Talk with internship faculty about available internships
- Research professional networks and organizations
- Review list of pre-approved affiliated internship sites.
- It is ultimately the student's responsibility to secure placement

Apply for site placement and prepare required documents:

- Spring semester: placement applications due by March 1st (for a Summer or Fall internship)
- ✓ Placement documents will be due by 3rd week in April
- <u>Fall Semester:</u> placement applications due by October 1st (for a Spring internship)
- ✓ Placement documents will be due by 3rd week in November

After submitting online application, students will receive an email from no-reply@wcupa.edu confirming internship application has been received, and provides details about the application approval process.

Application will be reviewed to verify Affiliation Agreement status with proposed internship site. *If internship site will not sign an affiliation agreement, or cannot accept intern, application will NOT be approved, and students will receive notification email. **NOT APPROVED Applications:** students will need to select new site and submit new application

After Affiliation
Agreement status
has been
confirmed and is
on file, students
will receive an
email from noreply@wcupa.edu
that will list the
required
documents
student must
upload for
approval.

Submitting required placement documents: Students need to log into their MyWCU account and navigate to the Self-Service **Document Upload** Form. See how to guide linked on website for step by step process to uploading documents for approval.

Once all requirements have been met students will receive final approval of internship placement. The Kinesiology Department Administrative Assistant will then process student's enrollment into EXS 490 internship course.

*Reminder: students cannot enroll themselves in EXS 490. **Once Department** processes the course enrollment. students will receive the final email confirmation notifying they have been enrolled in EXS 490. Students must then coordinate with the course faculty advisor before starting hours for their internship.

Approval Process for Internship Site Placement

N no-reply < no-reply@wcupa.edu>

Kinesiology Internship Application

The site selection for is **Approved** and the application is pending the submission of the additional items listed below. The documents need to be sent to the Assistant Chair/Program Coordinator:

Student Contact Information

WCU Student ID: Student Name: Email:

Phone: 610-436-2386

Campus OR Home Address: Enter your campus or home address

City: campus or home city State: Pennsylvania Zip Code: 19382

Internship Course Information

Internship Course (EXS 490): 3 credits/125 hours

Internship Date: Spring 2021

Proposed Internship Start Date: 02/01/2021

Discipline Area the internship will be in: Pre-Physical Therapy

Proposed Internship Site and Supervisor Information

Name of Proposed Site for Internship: Enter name of your internship site

Site Supervisor Name: Name of your site supervisor

Site Supervisor Position/Title: Site supervisor's title/position at the site

Site Supervisor Email: PT@test.com
Site Supervisor Phone: 610-555-5555
Site Address: Provide site address location

Site City: Enter City Site State: Pennsylvania Site Zip: 19382

Agreement Information

Student Intern Signature:

Site Selection Information

Site Status: Approved
Agreement Type: Standard

Student Placement Requirement items:

CPR Certification:

Item needs to be submitted to WCU

WCU Standard agreement student attestation form:

Item needs to be submitted to WCU

Professional Liability Insurance Policy (\$1M/\$3M coverage)

• Item needs to be submitted to WCU

Professional Resume

• Item needs to be submitted to WCU

Internship application approval is still pending. You must submit all your required placement documents through your MyWCU "Self-Service Document Upload Form". See Kinesiology website for a step by step guide to uploading documents.

Example of the 2nd email students will receive. Pay close attention to the "Site Selection Information" section and the Student Placement Requirements Items that are listed.

How-to-guide for directions on uploading all internship site placement requirement documents in MyWCU.

Full how-to-guide is linked on the Kinesiology website

- Log into myWCU with your WCU credentials
- Navigate to the Academic Records tile



You will be brought to the academic information page



Navigate to the Useful Links section

Useful Links

Upload Clearances for Educator Preparation/Ed Specialists Self-Service Document Upload Form

• Select the Self-Service Document Upload Form

Self-Service Document Upload Form

You will be brought to the form



Student Self Service Document Upload Form

If your WCU ID, first name, last name, and/or email are not prepopulated, please do not
continue with the form and email <u>OnBaseSupport@wcupa.edu</u> and reference the Self-Service
Upload form

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Placement document information and resources

- The documents a student needs to submit for their placement are based on specific terms agreed to in the affiliation agreement between WCU and the internship site. Students may be required to submit documents to WCU and/or directly to the practicum site.
- ▶ Placement documents will be identified during the internship application process. The minimum placement requirements for all students are:
 - WCU Student Attestation
 - Professional Liability Insurance Policy with limits of \$1million/\$3million (policy cost is responsibility of student)
 - CPR Certification
 - Professional Resume
- Students are expected to have background clearances completed and available upon request by their internship site. Some sites may accept recent clearances completed within the last 5 years (typically needed for employment purposes). On occasion sites may require students to complete new clearances either at their own cost or through the site's HR department. It is the student's responsibility to confirm all site requirements with their supervisor prior to beginning on-site hours.
- Understanding WCU attestation forms: students attest they understand their responsibilities of the internship experience and agree to comply with all ongoing requirements for placement by WCU and internship site. If at any point a student does not follow all guidelines and policies in place by WCU and their internship site, student may be removed from the placement and may not be able to complete their internship requirement.

Check the Dept. of Kinesiology website for all internship resources, including a current list of approved internship sites, resources on completing required placement documents, and to access the online application form:

https://www.wcupa.edu/healthSciences/kinesiology/internships.aspx

Required student documents by type of Affiliation Agreement

Placement at site with a Standard Affiliation Agreement

Placement at site with a Non-Standard Affiliation Agreement

Students need to submit to WCU:

- WCU Standard Attestation
- Professional Liability Insurance Policy (certificate of insurance is the required document to be submitted for approval)
- Current CPR Certification (including Skills portion and dates must be effective for entire internship)
- Professional Resume

*Reminder, students may have to complete additional documents required by the internship site. These items should be submitted directly to the internship site as requested.

Students need to submit to WCU:

- WCU Non-Standard Attestation
- Professional Liability Insurance Policy (certificate of insurance is the required document to be submitted for approval)
- Current CPR Certification (including Skills portion and dates must be effective for entire internship)
- Professional Resume

Additional documents that may be required to submit to WCU and/or internship site as needed, could include:

- current background clearances
- health screenings (physical exam, drug test, TB, etc.)
- vaccination documentation (COVID-19, Flu, MMR, Hep B, Varicella, Tdap)
- HIPAA training/orientation or other onboarding requirements as advised by practicum site

Important Note: Students MUST submit all required placement documents in PDF format, and upload to MyWCU for review and approval.