

CI 6360, Internship in Student Development and Higher Education Leadership
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**INTERNSHIP PURPOSES AND STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FROM A FACULTY PERSPECTIVE
(Supplemental to the Course Syllabus)**

Purpose of the Internship Experience

Internships, in general, are to provide the opportunity for higher education leadership students to link theory and practice (i.e., a “real world” experience). They also allow students an opportunity to learn about the unique environmental conditions associated with a particular level of higher education. These experiences vary from working on special projects to learning about the processes of a successful organization. The internship can increase a student’s job prospects by permitting the student to apply some technical skills learned in the academic classroom. Further, the experience should provide interns with some fundamental knowledge and understanding of the essential principles requisite to leadership, decision-making, and professionalism within higher education.

Expectations of the Intern (Objectives)

1. To obtain information accurately and systematically.
2. To present verbal and written information both clearly and accurately.
3. To demonstrate logical problem solving and decision-making.
4. To recognize the value of research-based information and practices.
5. To understand the roles of psycho-social, cultural, and interpersonal relationships in a “team” environment.
6. To maintain confidentiality and high ethical standards.