Chapter 3: Educational Policies
Internships and other Work-Based Learning Experiences

POLICY STATEMENT

Part 1: Purpose

To provide students an opportunity to earn academic credits through on-the-job training or planned work experience that applies and builds on the skills acquired in their training at the college, and facilitates interaction with co-workers and customers. Work-based learning experiences may be either paid or unpaid based upon individual circumstances.

Definitions

**Internships**: A planned on-the-job work experience that provides a student to apply classroom skills in an occupational setting.

**Externships**: An externship is typically an unpaid shadowing of a respected industry professional during which the extern will observe daily duties.

**Practicums**: A practicum is an undergraduate experience in a specialized field of study, that is designed to give students supervised practical application of a previously or concurrently studied field or theory.

**Clinicals/Preceptorships**: Clinicals/preceptorships are the experience of theory application to an actual or simulated patient situation or scenario, which are supervised directly or indirectly by faculty credentialed in the discipline.