Internships are an important part of gaining real-world experience in your field.

“An internship is a form of experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting.” —National Association of Colleges and Employers

Common characteristics of an internship

- Three–six months long
- Part or full time
- Paid or unpaid
- On or off campus
- Connection to an educational program with academic credit
- Non-credited experience

Contact individual academic departments for information about internship opportunities.

FOR-CREDIT INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

A Hope College internship involves:

- An academic course with deep learning in an applied setting for which students receive a grade and academic credit listed on their transcript
- A professor who:
  - Oversees the internship
  - Makes contact with the onsite supervisor and student
  - Assigns and evaluates readings and written assignments
  - Meets or communicates with the student regularly to stimulate reflections about vocation and calling
- An applied experience onsite at an outside employer
- Three hours onsite per week over the course of at least one semester or summer, along with time invested in course meetings and writing, for each credit earned
• An experienced on-site supervisor who conducts regular meetings with the student
• Internships posted on Handshake are approved by the college as credit worthy